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Radiax System Design and Test Plan

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Introduction

The report, "Radiax Cable Installation Drawings" in fullfillment of Section 1.6B (a & b) was issued on 12 August 1974 following a detailed survey of the cable route aboard the U.S.S. PHARRIS, DE 1094, by a four-man engineering team on 1 and 2 August 1974.

On the basis of that survey and report the Radiax cable and other materials such as connectors, clamps, power splitters and terminations were ordered from the manufacturer during the week of August 12.

This report, the third and final interim memorandum report in fullfillment of requirements 1.6A(a) and 1.6B(c) on the "Shipboard Wireless Intercommunication System" provides the following:

System Design

Analysis of Radiax System Performance Operational Capability

Test Plan Aboard Ship

Objectives of Test Test Parameters, Technical Procedures and Equipment

System Design

A means of wireless communications between closed compartments of ships has been under investigation by the Navy for many years. The methods investigated, for example, include carrier current and induction loop schemes.

The method under investigation in this contract is to use a leaky or radiating coaxial cable transmission line which acts as an antenna for two-way wireless transmission between all compartments wired with the cable.

A wireless communications system independent of ship's power and using portable, commercially available hand-held transceivers (or other variations such as worn or built into an oxygen breathing apparatus) is an excellent means of emergency communications and for use by sound and security patrols aboard ship. Because of the complete electromagnetic shielding created by the steel compartments of ships, such an approach is normally not possible without special techniques.

Effective radio communications systems are being installed in buildings (with all metal framework), tunnels, and mines. In these cases the problem of RF-shielding environment has been solved by the use of leaky or radiating transmission lines. Electrically speaking, such a transmission line is nothing more than a conductor installed inside the building, tunnel or mine which provides ready access to RF energy. Leaky or radiating transmission lines used until very recently were mostly of the balanced open wire type. Radiating from this type of line depends on the unbalanced currents in the two conductors. This makes such lines very sensitive to mounting and the effects of nearby objects. For example, if the capacity to ground of one conductor differs from the other, the radiation increases but the attenuation also increases, in many cases to the point where the attenuation is a serious limit to the practical length of line. The line is also subject to the effects of dirt, deposits, and smoke. A new version of the leaky or radiating transmission line is the slotted coaxial cable designed to radiate and receive RF signals. It possesses very distinct advantages over the balanced line and makes feasible simple wireless intercompartment communications with very low transmitted power aboard ships at modest cost.

The approach analyzed here and in the subsequent shipboard evaluation in providing the ship with emergency communication between closed compartments is the utilization of a two-way radio (transceiver) system propagating low power RF energy through leaky or radiating transmission lines routed throughout the ship (or selected compartments), thereby creating an effective "free space" for those areas served while containing the transmission within the ship. It is important to recognize that the low power of this system and shielding of normal ships cables will not provide any detectable interference to other ship systems such as weapons, navigation, etc. This lack of interference to normal ship power and control circuits operating at DC, 400 Hz or 60 Hz power, results mainly from the extreme frequency separation between the communication system operating at about 140 MHz and the other low frequency ship systems.

The two-way radio units (a combination of transmitter and receiver with a rechargeable nickel-cadmium battery) are of the "walkie-talkie" type. These units are of rugged commercial construction and small size and can be carried about with little difficulty. A slotted coaxial cable, commercially known as Radiax*, is proposed as the radiating transmission line, shown in Figure 1. The slotted coaxial cable has slots cut out in its outer conductor. These slots allow a controlled portion of the transmitted RF signal to radiate along the entire length of the cable. Conversely, a signal transitted near the cable will couple into slots and be carried along the entire length of the cable. Such a cable functions as a continuous antenna. Performance relatively is independent of slot orientation, but a spacing of about 1/2 inch should be maintained between the cable and metal surfaces, otherwise poorer radiation results. The following tabulation (Table 1) is a summary of Radiax* slotted coaxial cable characteristics.

TABLE 1: Radiax* Cable Characteristics

Electrical

Nominal Size	1/2"	1/2"	7/8"
Type Number, with standard jacketing	RX4-1	RX4-3A	RX5-1
with Rulan jacketing	RX4-1R	RX4-3R	RX5-1R
Impedance, ohms	50	50	50
Velocity, percent	79	79	79
Typical VSWR 30, 150, 450 MHz	1.3	1.3	1.3
Attenuation, db/100 feet, 30 MHz	0.45	0.9	0.24
db/100 metres	1.47	2.95	0.78
db/100 feet, 150 MHz	1.1	1.9	0.6
db/100 metres	3.60	6.23	0.96
db/100 feet, 450 MHz	2.1	4.0	1.2
db/100 metres	6.89	13.12	3.93
Coupling Loss +10 db at 30 MHz 150 MHz	85 75	67 57 61	70
450 MHz Average Power Rating, kw at 30 MHz 150 MHz 450 MHz	85 4.3 1.7 0.9	4.3 1.7 0.9	80 3.7 1.9

(Coupling loss is the average difference between signal level in the cable and the signal received by a zero dbd gain antenna 20 feet (6.1 metres) from the cable.)

<u>Mechanical</u>

Nominal size	1/2"	7/8"
Outer Conductor diameter inches	0.540	0.980
(mm)	(13.8)	(24.9)
Diameter, over jacket, inches	0.620	1.10
(mm)	(15.8)	(27.8)
Minimum Bending Radius, Inches	5.0	10
(mm)	(127)	(254)
Cable Weight, pounds per foot	0.160	0.44
(log /m)	(0.238)	(0.655)

^{*}Trade name for radiating coaxial cable manufactured by Andrew Corp, Chicago, Ill.



Figure 1:- Photograph of Radiax* Radiating Coaxial Cable

Two-way, hand-held transceivers are recommended for shipboard communications purposes because of their light weight, small size, and rugged construction. The weights of these units vary from 25 to 43 ounces, depending upon type and manufacturer. The sizes vary from $1-13/16 \times 3-3/8 \times 9-3/4$ to 1-7/32 \times 2-3/4 \times 6-15/16 inches. The units are usually carried by attaching their carrying cases to the belt, not unlike a gun holster. The power is supplied by internal nickel-cadmium battery pack which is fully rechargeable and typically provides up to 8 hours of intermittent operation.

Table 2 shows the characteristics for a typical transceiver, Motorola HT-220.

Table 2.

Manufacturer's Published Characteristics for HT-220 Transceiver

Frequency: 136 - 174

(1) Mercury battery, or (2) Rechargeable Nickel-Cadmium Power Source:

battery

Standby (15V dc) 4.3 mA; Receive (15 Vdc) 65mA; Transmit Battery Drain:

(15V dc) 850mA

Mercury Battery: 27 hrs., Nicad Battery: 8 hrs. (Based on Battery Life:

5% transmit, 5% receive with rated audio output and 90%

standby in 5-watt position.)

(Less antenna, knobs) HxWxD: 7.58" x 2.75" x 1.69" (192 x 70 x 43 mm) Dimensions:

With Mercury Battery: 29.5 ounces (836g); with Nicad Weight:

Battery: 27.6 ounces (782g).

Table 2 (cont'd)

RF Output Power		Receiver
		Modulation Acceptance: ±7 kHz
(Switchable Nicad Bati		Channel Cassing, 25 Mile
	: 1 or 5 watts	Channel Spacing: 25 kHz
Merc Batt		Sensitivity -
	1: 0.4 or 2.5 watts	20 db
	or or ero maces	
Frequency		Quieting: 0.35µV maximum 12 db SINAD: 0.25µV maximum
	+0.0005% from -30°C	The second secon
	to +60°C (+25°C ref.)	Selectivity
		-(EIA) SINAD: 70 db at +25 kHz
Modulation:	: 16F3: +5 kHz deviation	_
	for 100% modulation	Intermodulation
	@ 1000 Hz	Products: More than 60 db down a
		adjacent channel
Crystal Fre		(EIA) SINAD
Multiplicat	cion: 9 times	_
		Frequency
Spurious ar		Stability: +0.0010% from -30°C to
Harmonics:	More than 50 db below	+ 50°C (+25°C ref.)
	carrier in 5W position. More than 43 db below	+0.0015% from -50°C to +60°C (+25°C ref.)
	carrier in 1W position.	+00 C (+25 C Pel.)
	carrier in in position.	Spurious and
FM Noise	40 db below +3.3 kHz	Image Rejection: More than 50 db
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	deviation at 1000 Hz tone	below carrier
	401140101140100011200112	
Audio		Sque1 ch
Response:	+1 db,-3 db from a 6 db/	Sensitivity: 0.18µV, adjustable.
	octave pre-emphasis from	
	300 to 3000 Hz	
		Audio
Audio		Output: 500 mW at less than 10%
Distortion:	Less than 10% at 1000 Hz	distortion.
	2/3 maximum rate of	
	deviation.	
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Analysis of Radiax* System Performance

Cable Selection Criteria

Three types of Radiax* cable are manufactured by the Andrew Corporation (Table 1). These are: RX4-1 (1/2"), RX4-3 (1/2") and RX5-1 (7/8"). It is noted from the data on coupling and attenuation losses that if the attenuation loss due to cable length is low, the coupling loss is high and vice versa. In other words, as the cable radiates more energy thereby decreasing coupling loss the penalty is additional attenuation loss resulting from energy leaving the cable as radiation.

The choice of cable type is determined by the length of coverage needed, the coupling loss and other considerations. By computing the total attenuation plus coupling loss versus length of cable for the three different cables, it is apparent there are several crossover points as expected. Figure 2 shows a plot of the attenuation plus one way coupling loss for three different cables at 150 MHz.

Considering just the 1/2" cables, RX4-1 is a low radiation type of cable having a 75 db one-way coupling loss and an attenuation of 1.1 db/100 feet. Another type of 1/2" cable is the RX4-3 which is a high radiation type having a lower coupling loss (57 db) but a higher attenuation per foot of cable (1.9 db/100 ft.). For short lengths the high radiation cable is preferred since the sum of coupling and attenuation loss is much less than for the low radiation cable. For example, at 100 feet the total losses are about 59 db versus 76 db, a difference of 17 db. For the 1/2" cables the crossover point occurs at 2,250 feet. Thus, for coverage less than 2,250 feet RX4-3 gives lower total losses while for lengths longer than 2,250 feet RX4-1 is preferred.

Cable length and attenuation charts (Appendix 1) have been prepared for both Route #1 (aft) and Route #2 (fwd), based on the Radiax Cable Installation Plan¹ for the DE 1094 destroyer escort. From these charts the greatest length of cable and attenuation from any compartment to another is as follows (using RX4-3 cables):

Route	Maximum Inter- Compartment Length	Maximum Cable Attenuation
#1 (aft), Passage Main Deck to Shaft Alley No. 1	572 feet	10.4 db
<pre>#2 (fwd), Damage Control Central to Shaft Alley No. 1</pre>	419 feet	8.0 db

Note that the relationship between cable length and cable attenuation is just 1.9 db/100 ft. with no account taken of the 3 db loss when encountering a power splitter.

I"Interim Memorandum Report for Shipboard Wireless Intercommunication System, Cable Installation Plan", 12 Aug 1974, Chesapeake Instrument Corporation

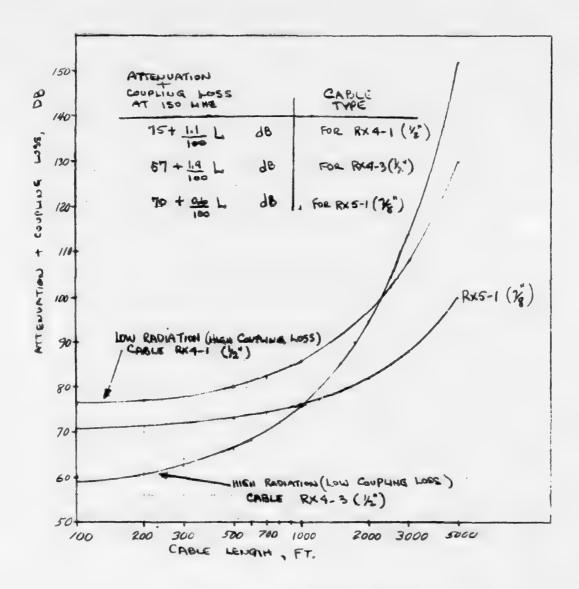


Figure 2: Attenuation plus Coupling Loss Versus Cable Length for Radiax* Cable at 150 MHz.

The total lengths are well below 2,250 feet, hence the use of the high radiation cable (RK4-3) is preferred. For example, at 572 feet the coupling plus attenuation loss indicates the high radiation cable is superior by about 13 db over the low radiation 1/2" cable.

Cable Radiation Characteristics

Recent tests (June 1974) on Radiax cable by the Andrew Corporation have indicated that radiation characteristics are affected by the proximity of metal surfaces. The type of cable most affected is the high radiation model RX4-3 with progressively decreasing effect for lower radiation cable which employs smaller size leakage holes for the electromagnetic energy.

Experimental data on coupling loss (db) versus operating frequency have been obtained for RX403 cable using 102-foot lengths. and various conditions of metal proximity to the Radiax cable. This experimental plotted data is shown in figures 3 and 4.

Interpretation of figures 3 indicates large variations in cable coupling loss with frequency when the cable is in direct contact with a metal surface (in this case, a 1.6" diameter pipe). These variations can be as high as 25 db. However, the mean of the coupling loss peaks in the frequency range from 120 to 260 MHz is about 7 db. In the vicinity of 140 MHz the loss is about 1.5 db.

When the Radiax is removed 1/2" from the same metal pipe (1.6" diameter) the variations in coupling loss with frequency almost disappears (Figure 4). What remains is a coupling loss with an almost smooth variation with frequency. Coupling loss gradually increases as frequency increases. For example, at 140 MHz the loss is about 1.5 db which increases to 2.0 db at 260 MHz.

When the Radiax cable (102-foot length) is taped to a 4-1/2" diameter pipe the coupling loss variation with frequency is also pronounced, but with a mean of the coupling loss peaks of about 12 db in the frequency range of 120 to 260 MHz. At 140 MHz, the coupling loss is about 5.0 db. As with the smaller diameter pipe, when the Radiax is moved 1/2" away from the pipe, the large variations disappear leaving a loss which gradually increases with frequency. At 140 MHz and 1/2" spacing from the 4-1/2" diameter pipe, the coupling loss is about 1.8 db.

If the results of these measurements can be extrapolated to conditions aboard ship where the Radiax will follow armored metal cableways, metal bulkheads, catwalks and structural members then the problem of coupling loss variation with frequency and metal proximity can be essentially reduced to a minor loss of a few decibels by mounting the Radiax cable at least 1/2" from any metal surface.

No polarization effect is expected to take place for 150 MHz shipboard operation. Indoors, the polarization effect will be cancelled due to the multiple reflections from compartment walls, overheads, decks, and equipment contained therein. This effect has been confirmed by measurements made inside buildings; sometimes 2 or 3 db difference has been detected.

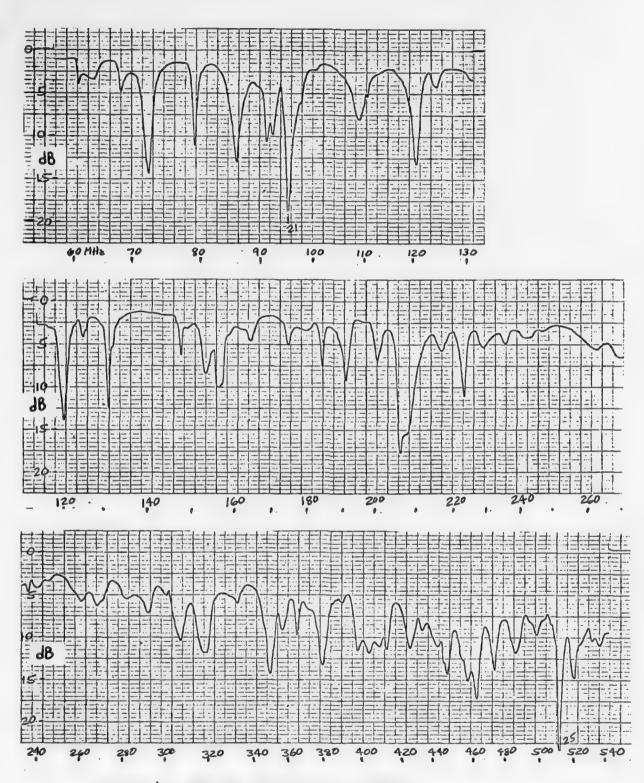


Figure 3:- Additional Coupling Loss vs. Frequency for RX4-3 Radiax Cable Taped to 1.6" Diameter Pipe

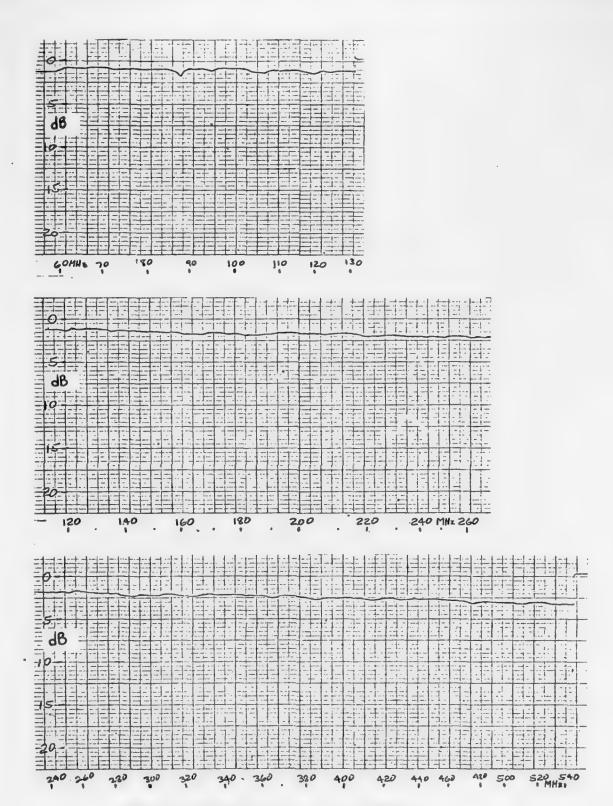


Figure 4:- Additional Coupling Loss vs. Frequency for RX4-3 Radiax Cable Spaced 1/2" from 1.6" Diameter Pipe

When the Radiax cable penetrates bulkheads through steel stuffing tubes or is effectively shielded by obstructing metal objects, that portion of the Radiax cable becomes ineffective as a radiator of electromagnetic energy. However, such shielding will not adversely affect other portions of the radiating cable.

Total System Losses

The major part of the total system losses are the coupling losses in transferring electromagnetic energy from the slotted coaxial cable to the receiver input terminals and from the transmitter output to the cable.

The system loss calculations are based on the following conditions:

Operating Frequency 150 MHz

Cable (RX4-3) Attenuation = 1.9 db/100 ft. Coupling Loss: = 57 db \pm 10 db

Unity Gain (0 db) transceiver antennas. During measurements any antenna loss will be lumped together with the coupling loss.

System losses are tabulated as follows:

Coupling loss (one way) 57 + 10 + 5 = 72 db (hard wired transmitter, wireless receiver)

Coupling loss (two way) 2(57 + 10 + 5) = 144 db. (wireless transmitter, wireless receiver)

Where 10 db is an allowance for field strength variations. Variations of ± 10 db have been observed when moving only a few feet in any direction from the Radiax, facing toward vs. facing away from the Radiax with a hand-held portable unit, etc. A metal proximity loss of 5.0 db is also assumed.

Cable Attenuation loss

where L = Cable length in feet = $\frac{1.9L}{100}$ db

Power Splitter Loss (one splitter) = 3 db

Thus, the total system losses are as follows:

System Loss (one way) = $75 + \frac{1.9L}{100}$ db

System Loss (two way) = $147 + \frac{1.9L}{100}$ db

Note: It is anticipated by the manufacturer that the coupling loss of 57 db obtained in a non-metallic enclosure is pessimistic for steel enclosed compartments. Lower coupling losses are expected aboard ship.

Receiver Sensitivity

The receiver sensitivity is estimated from the equation for minimum detectable power, $\mathsf{P}_{\mbox{min}}.$

$$P_{min} = kTBF$$

where $kT = 4.05 \times 10^{-21}$ (for room temperature)

B = receiver bandwidth = $2(f_m + \Delta f)$ for FM receiver

 $B = 2(3.0 \text{ kHz} + 5 \text{ kHz}) = 16 \times 10^3 \text{ Hz}$

(This bandwidth is approximately equivalent to 50 kHz at -70 db)

F = receiver noise figure = 4(6 db) for field-effect transistor input.

Then $P_{min} = 4.05 \times 10^{-21} \times 16 \times 10^3 \times 4 = 2.59 \times 10^{-16} \text{watts} (-156 \text{ dbw})$

Using P_{min} = -156 dbw (2.59 x 10^{-16} watts), corresponds to a voltage level at a 50-0hm receiver input resistance of

$$v_{min} = \sqrt{P_{min}R} = \sqrt{2.59 \times 10^{-16} \times 50}$$
$$= 0.11 \times 10^{-6} \text{v}(0.11 \text{uv}).$$

The receiver sensitivity for the Motorola HT-220 transceiver is:

 $.35_{\mu}v$ maximum for 20 db of quieting (Table 2). The value of $.35_{\mu}v$ compares well with the above approximate calculation giving .11 μv for a unity signal to noise ratio with no FM threshold improvement.

A receiver sensitivity of .35 μv across a 50-ohm receiver input is equivalent to an input power threshold PRT.

$$PRT = \frac{Vin^2}{Rin} = \frac{(.35 \times 10^{-6})^2}{50} = 2.45 \times 10^{-15} \text{ watts (-146 dbw)}$$

Across a 75-ohm receiver input the power is:

$$P_{RT} = \frac{Vin^2}{R_{in}} = \frac{(.35 \times 10^{-6})^2}{75} = 1.63 \times 10^{-15} \text{ watts } (-148 \text{ dbw})$$

The receiver input resistance is variable in the approximate range of 50 to 75 ohms depending on input tuning transformer slug position. For purposes of analysis sensitivity of -146 dbw will be used.

Expected Range

The signal power available at the receiver terminals after system losses is given as follows:

In terms of decibels of power below one watt (dbw) the above equation becomes:

(For 1 watt (+0dbw) transmitted power)

$$PR = -(75 + \frac{1.9L}{100})$$
 dbw, for one way wireless

$$P_R = -(147 + \frac{1.91}{100})$$
 dbw, for two way wireless

(For 5 watts (+7 dbw) transmitted power)

$$P_R = -(68 + \frac{1.9L}{100})$$
 dbw, for one way wireless

$$P_R = -(140 + \frac{1.9L}{100})$$
 dbw, for two way wireless

The above equations for received power have been plotted as a function of the cable length, L, in Figure 5.

Two receiver threshold levels are shown in Figure 5. One for PRT = -146 dbw equivalent to 20 db of quieting and the other at PRT = -156 dbw equivalent to about 10 db of quieting. At 100% modulation, the frequency modulation index is $\Delta f/f_m = 5$ kHz/3 kHz = 1.67, where Δf = maximum frequency deviation and f_m = maximum modulating frequency. The transition between narrowband and wideband FM is usually specified at a modulation index of $1/\sqrt{3} \approx 0.6$ and the FM threshold is expected to occur somewhat below 10 db. It is expected that for the condition of modulation index = 1.67, this FM receiver system will have a lowest receiver threshold of -156 dbw for a quieting in the vicinity of 10 db.

Operational Capability

The estimates for the coupling losses are the most unpredictable portion of the range analysis. The coupling loss of 57 db between transceivers and the Radiax cable is based on the manufacturer's measurements made at distances of 20 feet from the cable in non-metallic rooms and away from metal.

In the confined spaces aboard a destroyer escort 20 feet is a significant distance. For example, the approximate length and width of the fire room, the largest space in the DE-1094, is about 41 by 45 feet. Once the cable is installed, the largest and most unpredictable portion of the system loss is the location and orientation of the portable transceiver. A 10 db variation in one-way coupling loss may be expected.

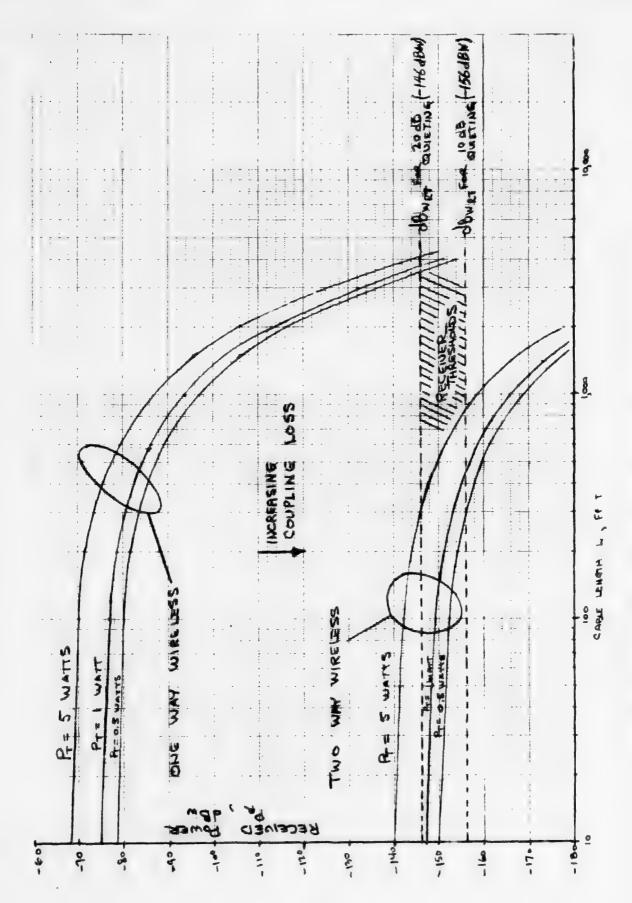


Figure 5:- Received Power versus Cable Length for Various Conditions of Transmitted Power and System Loss.

The calculations include an allowance of 10 db for antenna orientation, reflections, obstructions, etc. and a 5 db allowance for some increase in coupling loss expected when the Radiax is mounted close (within 1/2") to a metal surface. It should be noted that in the two-way wireless transmission case all the above losses are doubled in obtaining range estimates.

One-Way Wireless System

The one-way wireless system is one in which one communicating party (usually a base station) is hard wired to the Radiax cable. This removes from the system a coupling loss of 57 + 10 + 5 = 72 db.

Under the conditions described earlier, the range estimate for 0.5, 1.0 and 5.0 watts of transmitted power can be determined from Figure 5. Thus, the expected range is:

Power	Cable Length (ft) $0 P_{RT} = -146 \text{ dbw}$	Cable Length (ft) $@ P_{RT} = -156 \text{ dbw}$
0.5 watts 1.0 watts	3,580 3,740	4,100 4,260
5.0 watts	4,100	4,630

For the longest cable length in any route (Route #1, aft, passage main deck to shaft alley no. 1) the distance is 572 feet. For this condition the estimated signal reserve for 20 db of threshold quieting is 146-86=60 db for 1 watt transmitted power and 67 db for 5 watts of transmitted power.

Even with both routes tied together (572 feet + 419 feet = 991 feet), the signal reserve is still 146 - 94 = 52 db for 1 watt and 59 db for 5 watts.

Thus, it is expected that for one-way wireless transmissions all wired compartments can be reached with a high signal reserve if a reasonable effort is made by the wireless operator to come within an unobstructed range of the Radiax cable.

Two-Way Wireless System

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The two-way wireless system as the name implies uses the Radiax cable as an antenna between two or more transceivers, none of which are hard wired to the cable.

From Figure 5 the expected cable range is for 0.5, 1.0 and 5.0 watts radiated power:

Power	Cable Length (ft) ● PRT = -156 dbw	Cable Length (ft) $0 P_{RT} = -146 \text{ dbw}$
0.5 watt	316	0
1.0 watts	470	0
5.0 watts	842	316

From the calculations, it appears that success of a two-way wireless Radiax system using low transmitter power will require a high sensitivity receiver (PRT ~ -156dbw). In these calculations several assumed loss factors may be too conservative for shipboard communications and therefore, the high receiver sensitivity requirement may be somewhat alleviated. Specifically, quieting was assumed for entertainment quality reception (20 db) and no signal strength "boost" was given for two-way communication within a steel enclosure.

It is significant to note that from an operational viewpoint the need for a two-way wireless is almost always for short communicating distances. Examples are fire parties communicating with each other in adjacent compartments, or roving patrols communicating with personnel in compartments with no hardwired connections to Radiax. In extreme situations, message relay via the base station(s) is possible.

TEST PLAN ABOARD SHIP

Objectives of Test

The objectives of the shipboard wireless intercommunication system tests using Radiax cable wired through two selected routes and various compartments of a DE-1052 class destroyer escort are as follows:

1. Determine quantitatively the received signal strengths available in various locations served by the cable.

The signal strength measurements should preferably be obtained so that computations can be readily made on coupling loss, cable attenuation loss and receiver sensitivity to evaluate range and overall performance under conditions normally encountered aboard ship using the Radiax cable and transceivers.

Signal strength measurements should include received power in the major compartments especially when cable distance, transmitted power or configuration creates marginal performance.

- 2. Determine qualitatively the operational capability of the Radiax as an internal communications system noting such factors as: intelligibility, noise, interference between channels, interference from other sources, flexibility and ease of operation.
- 3. Conduct interference measurements and tests to determine the extent of interference between Radiax and other ship systems.

These measurements should include signal levels present at portable transceivers and on passive Radiax cable at the communications frequency due to pickup from ship transmitters and radars. During active operation the interference of these sources to the Radiax communications system should be noted qualitatively.

Measurements of Radiax interference to other systems should include signal strength data in various compartments and passage-ways that do not have Radiax cable, particularly compartments on the main deck and above.

Test Parameters, Instrumentation and Technical Procedures

Test Parameters

The quantitative measurements to be performed are mainly data on signal strength under various conditions of transmitted power, location, transceiver orientation and local configuration changes (opening and closing of doors and hatches, personnel traffic, etc.).

One of the easiest and most direct measurements of signal strength is to measure the received power directly e.g., in terms of decibels below one watt. The received power ratio in decibels relative to 1.0 watt is given by 10 log 1.0/PR = 10 [log 1 - log PR] = -10 log PR. Neglecting the negative sign (since log PR is negative for PR<1, positive for PR>1), the received power in dbw is:

$$P_{dbw}$$
 = 10 log $P_{R(watts)}$
e.g. For P_{R} = 2 x 10⁻¹² watts P_{Rdbw} = -117 dbw
For P_{R} = 5.0 watts P_{Rdbw} = +7 dbw

If the received power measurements are all made directly in dbw using calibrated transceivers there is no need for additional computations involving antenna aperture, antenna efficiency and conversion between field strengths in $\mu\nu/m$ to received power at the input terminals. Furthermore, the computations involving tradeoffs between transmitter power, coupling loss, cable attenuation loss, receiver sensitivity, etc. are extremely simple involving only the addition or subtraction of decibels. In fact, these results are all graphically displayed in Figure 5, where changes in coupling or other losses can be accounted for by sliding the curves up or down relative to the receiver threshold levels.

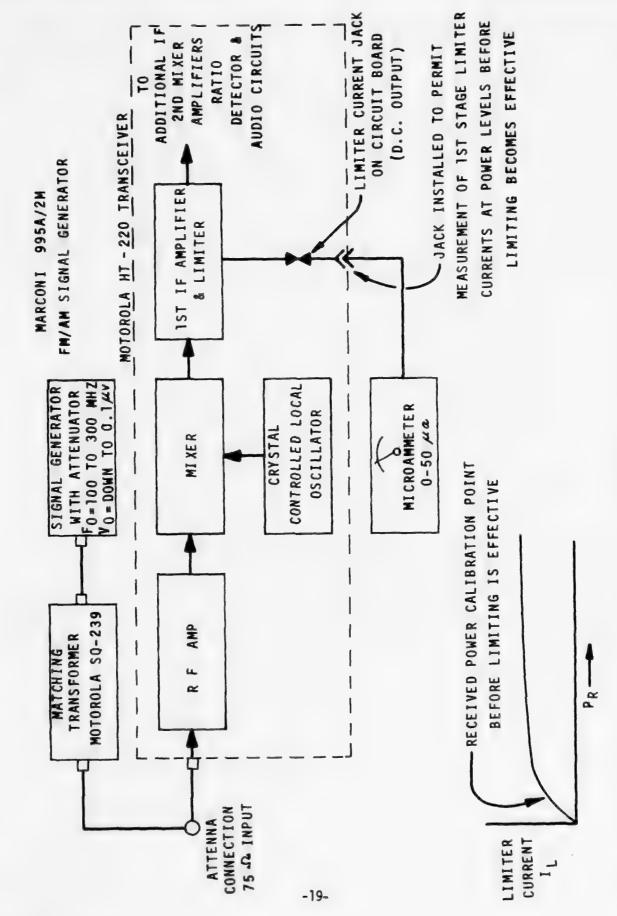
Instrumentation

A block diagram of the signal strength measuring instrumentation and calibration is given in Figure 6.

Instrument Calibration for Signal Strength Measurements

The Motorola HT-220 transceiver should be modified to measure the first stage IF amplifier limiter current by installing a connector on the case connected to the limiter output. An internal jack mounted on a circuit board inside the case for use as a test point is already connected to the first stage limiter through an RF detector providing a DC voltage proportional to the limiter current. Usually a 0 to 50 range microammeter is used for this purpose.

A signal generator set to the nominal operating frequency for the transceivers (140 MHz) should be connected directly into the receiver input through a matching transformer after disconnecting the antenna. The signal generator output voltage or attenuator setting should then be decreased until a reading in the linear portion of the limiter current characteristics well below the knee of the limiter curve is obtained. Readings should then be taken of both the limiter current and the input voltage for several points along the linear portion of the limiter characteristic. The input voltage is then converted to input power using the relationships $P_R = V_{i\,n}{}^2/R_{i\,n}$ and $db_{WR} = 10~log~P_R$. The input resistance may have to be determined by measurement or from manufacturers specifications, but it is expected to be in the range of 50 to 75 0hms.



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FIG 6

Since the transceivers will be used to make measurements over four frequency channels, some calibrations should be made at the frequency extremes to determine if the calibration is being influenced by frequency. The four frequencies picked for these tests are as follows:

140.025 MHz 140.050 MHz 140.075 MHz 140.125 MHz

Very little frequency influence on the calibrations is expected due to the close proximity of these frequencies.

In addition to a frequency effect on the calibration, the receivers should be checked periodically at least before and after a series of measurements with the readings averaged to obtain final signal power levels.

The microammeter reading can now be calibrated directly in terms of receiver input power with an upper limit determined on the meter where limiting occurs and readings are no longer valid. In using the transceiver to determine signal strength either the transmitter power must be adjusted by a known amount of attenuation or an attenuator inserted between the receiver antenna and the input terminals to bring the signal level within the range of the calibrated readings. Note that this measurement of receiver input power neglects the antenna gain since the measurement is made directly to the receiver input. The antenna gain is taken into account later where it is lumped together with the coupling loss. It should be noted that "antenna gain" has meaning in a reflection free space, but the compartments are far from "free space".

System Test Configuration for One-Way Wireless Measurements

The system test configuration for a one-way wireless system with a base station transceiver hard wired to the Radiax cable is shown in Figure 7.

The HT-220 transceiver is normally designed to feed a 75-0hm load, therefore, a 75 to 50 0hm matching transformer (Motorola vehicular untenna adapter S0-239) is needed to match the 75-0hm transceiver output to the 50-0hm attenuator input.

A 50-0hm non-radiating length of cable connects the attenuator to the Radiax cable. A non-radiating section of cable is required to prevent direct pickup from the transceiver to the Radiax, thus invalidating the attenuator measurements when high attenuations (on the order of 50 db or more) are used.

The high Q coaxial choke in series with the HT-220 transceiver and Radiax cable is used to confine the RF radiation to the Radiax cable preventing RF ground currents in surrounding spaces.

Typical test instrumentation and components are as follows:

Matching Transformer
Power Meter

- Motorola SO-239

- H.P. 434A (dc to 12.4 GHz, Power range .01 - 10w)

Attenuator - Kay 432D (dc to 1.0 GHz, 0 to 101 db,

Coaxial Choke - Andrew Corporation RF Switch - Amphenol type 319

A preselector (bandpass filter) is required to reject shipboard radar frequencies which fall within the detection threshold of the HT-220 receiver. Characteristics of such a filter are discussed in Ref. 1, p. 23-27.

The method of performing a signal strength measurement at any remote location served by the Radiax cable is as follows:

- 1. Operate base station transmitter into the power meter and record base station power meter reading (dbw_i)
- 2. Switch transmitter into attenuator and increase attenuation until portable transceiver reports a reading within the limiter current meter calibration range. For receiving reports from the mobile unit the base station operator will require removing all or part of the attenuation. A bypass switch may be installed around the attenuator box for this purpose but care should be used to maintain proper impedance levels when paralleling coaxial cables.
- 3. Record readings of attenuator and portable transceiver limiter current meter.

The transmitter power \mbox{dbw}_{χ} in the Radiax cable at the portable transceiver location is in terms of \mbox{dbw}

$$dbw_X = dbw_i - db_{atten} - db_{cable loss}$$

The coupling loss which includes antenna loss of the transceiver is the difference between the power at the cable ${\sf dbw}_{\sf X}$ and the power ${\sf dbw}_{\sf R}$ received by the calibrated transceiver, thus

Coupling loss =: dbwx - dbwR

For example:

Suppose $P_i = .5 \text{ watts } (dbw_i = -3dbw)$

dbatten = 60 db L = 400 ft. (1.9db/100 ft. x 400 ft = 7.6 db, adding 3.0 db* loss due to power splitter = 10.6 db cable loss)

 $dbw_R = -140 dbw$

Then $dbw_x = -3.0dbw - 60.0db - 10.6db = -73.6 dbw (at 400 ft)$

Coupling loss = -73.6dbw -(-140dbw) = 66.4 db

The importance of determining coupling loss is that, once known, the system range and safety factors can be easily computed for any power level.
*In this installation a transmission path that long must have gone past the base station and hence, through a power splitter.

This method also has the advantage that antenna gain, transceiver orientation, reflections within the compartment, proximity effect of Radiax to metal surfaces, etc. is all lumped together in one factor called the coupling loss.

Estimates of cable losses from any one compartment to another have been determined in Appendix 1. Thus, coupling loss can be readily computed and recorded together with signal strength readings for any position along the Radiax cable. Power splitter loss is not included in the Appendix 1 tables and must be separately included if the cable path passes through the splitter.

Determination of Coupling Loss in Each Direction

During the one-way wireless signal strength measurements it should be determined whether the coupling loss is reciprocal, i.e., is the coupling loss identical from Radiax to the portable antenna when receiving and from the portable antenna to Radiax when transmitting to the cable?

These measurements are made as follows:

- 1. Measure the transmitted power dbw_T into the antenna of the portable transceiver by removing the antenna and coupling the transmitter output to the power meter through a 75 to 50-0hm coupling transformer. Correct for any transformer losses.
- 2. Measure the power received at the base station from the portable transceiver using a limiter current calibrated HT-220 transceiver coupled directly to the Radiax cable through the matching transformer, preselector and coaxial choke. In other words, the attenuator is set to zero or whatever attenuation is needed to obtain a reading within the limiter current calibration range.
- 3. Enter the data for both to and from measurements in the table of Figure 8 and compute coupling loss each way taking into account cable loss, power splitter loss, etc.

Figure 8 includes provision for a coupling loss measurement to and from the Radiax cable. In the "portable" column would be recorded the received power and computed coupling loss from Radiax to portable. In the base "station or portable" column would be recorded the base station received power and the coupling loss from the portable antenna to the Radiax cable.

As previously noted, if the receivers are properly calibrated such that a known input power to the receiver terminals gives a reading within the linear portion of the limiter the antenna loss or gain becomes a part of the coupling loss measurement with no loss of accuracy in determining range or signal margins.

The signal strength measurement method described above has the additional advantage of simplicity, ease of implementation and interpretation because:

All the instrumentation with the exception of the portable transceiver and attached meter is contained at the base station where changes in attenuation and all data recording is done.

System Test Configuration for Two-Way Wireless Measurements

For two-way wireless measurements where two portable wireless units communicate with each other, the following measurements should be taken:

- 1. Measure the transmitted power dbwT into the antenna of each portable transceiver to be used for the two-way wireless tests by removing the antennas and coupling the transmitter output to the power meter through a 75 to 50-0hm coupling transformer. Correct for any transformer losses and repeat these measurement periodically.
- 2. Measure received power dbwR at each mobile location using the calibrated transceiver limiter current method. Note that these mobile locations must be precisely in the same position, same antenna orientation and same environmental conditions as those encountered during the one-way wireless tests.
- 3. Using the computed coupling losses in both directions from the one-way wireless measurements, compute the total losses, range and signal margins for the selected locations.

Note from the above measurements that the total path coupling losses can be computed directly and then compared to the sum of the previously computed coupling losses in either direction.

System Measurement Data and Computation Sheet with Case Examples

A sample form for the taking of signal strength data with a computations format has been prepared (Fig. 8).

It is expected that these forms can be filled out at the base stations with the mobile parties reporting the data.

Three sample cases have been prepared, a one-way wireless test (Fig. 9), a two-way wireless test (Fig. 10), and an interference test (Fig. 11).

One-way Measurement Example

The one-way measurement example is for a signal level measurement between the engine control station (hard wired) and the lowest level of the fire room of the forward route.

For purposes of analysis, all the data indicated in the sample sheet should be entered.

Cable length between parties is found from Appendix 1 and can be entered later during the analysis phase. At the base station, the power into the Radiax is obtained from a meter reading and the attenuator box setting is determined after a limiter current reading within the portable transceiver calibration range is determined.

The computations are then performed according to the instructions in the measurement and computation sheet.

Two-Way Measurement Example

The two-way measurement example is for a signal level measurement between two portable transceivers, one located in the F.D. blower room at the same location as the one-way test example and the other located in the fire room. Previous one-way measurements have established a coupling loss of 64 db in the F.D. blower room, and 71 db in the fire room. For generality, the power into each portable antenna (obtained by measurement) is different (-3.0 dbw and 0 dbw).

The total path loss is a cable attenuation + coupling loss of 1.0 db + 64 db + 71 db = 136 db. Thus, the received power at the fire room from the F.D. blower room is -3.0 dbw -136 db = -136 dbw and the received power at the F.D. blower room from the fire room is 0 dbw -136 db = -136 dbw.

Interference Test Example

An example of an interference signal level measurement is given in Figure II for a portable receiver on the first deck in passage 1-83-2-L. Other interference tests at the base station using the Radiax route can be performed by setting the attenuator box to zero and using a limiter current calibrated transceiver to perform a signal level measurement. The power meter is not sensitive enough for this purpose.

Date		Observe	er			Recorder		
			ASUREMENT		&	COMPUTATION	SHEET	
est No.	One-way	Two-way	Interfer	ence		e Station Portable #	Portabl	e #
loute (fwd d	or aft)							
Compartment	s Name	& No.						
ocation within com	partments						·	
Closest Dis to Radiax,								
Transceiver (Std. orien at normal	Orientati tation is head heig	on for antenna ht.)	best recep whip ver	otior tical				
Local Confi & Environm	guration	·						
[ransmitter	Frequency	, MHz						
Signal Qual Interferenc	ity, e, etc.							
Cable Lengt & attenuati			, ft.					
Transceiver Transceiver								
Attenuator dbwatten	Box Settin	g, db			Std.	Best	Std.	Best
Limiter Cur Received Pw								
Radiax Cabl dbw _X =dbw _i	e Pwr, dbw -dbw _a tten	x -db _{cabl}	e loss					
Coupling Lo dbw _X -dbw _R								
Receiver Se threshold		dbwRT						
Range, ft. Signal Marg Above Thre	in= dbwatt	5) en ^{+dbw} f	or R-dbw _{RT}					

Figure 8:- System Measurement Data and Computation Sheet Sample Form

SYSTEM MEASUREMENT D	ATA & COMPUTATION	SHEET	
One-way Two-way Interference X	e Base Station or Portable	Portable	
Route (fwd or aft)	Fwd	Fwd	
Compartments Name & No.	Engine Control 2-95-0-E	Fire Room 5-79-0-E	
Location within compartments		Lowest level, midway between boilers, 23' from stbd side	
Closest Distance to Radiax, ft.	Hard wired (base station)	≈ 7¹	
Transceiver Orientation		Antenna horizontal facing port side	
Local Configuration & Environment	All doors & hatche closed	All doors and hatches closed; man on station (above catwalk)	
Transmitter Frequency, MHz	140.050		
Signal Quality, Interference, etc.	Good signal qualit excellent; occasio	Good signal quality, understanding excellent; occasional noise interference	
Cable Length between parties, ft. & attenuation dbw _{cable} loss	107', 2.0db + 3.0d	b(pwr split)=5.0db	
Transceiver Pwr to Radiax, dbw _i Transceiver Pwr to Antenna, dbw _t	0.5W(-3.0dbw)		
Attenuator Box Setting, db dbwatten	70 db		
Limiter Current, µA Received Pwr, dbw _R	20 μA -142 dbw	20 μA - 142 dbw	
Radiax Cable Pwr, dbw _x dbw _x =dbw _i -dbw _{atten} -db _{cable loss}		- 78 dbw _X	
Coupling Loss, db dbw _X -dbw _R	64 db	64 db	
Receiver Sensitivity dbwRT threshold,	-146 dbw for 20 db quieting	-146 dbw For 20 db quieting	
Range, ft. (from Fig. 5) or Signal Margin= dbwatten+dbwR-dbwRTl. Above Thresholds	70-142-(-146)=74 d quieting threshold	b above 20 db	

Note 1. For two-way test dbwatten = 0.

Figure 9: One-way Wireless Test Sample Data and Calculations

SYSTEM MEASUREMENT DA	TA & COMPUTATION	SHEET		
Test No. One-way Two-way Interference	Base Station or Portable	Portable		
Route (fwd or aft)	` Fwd	Fwd		
Compartments Name & No.	F.D.Blower Room 1-79-0-E	Fire Room 5-79-0-E		
Location within compartments	At entrance to passage 1-83-2-L	Lowest level;midway between boilers; 23' from stbd side		
Closest Distance to Radiax, ft.	2'	≈ 7'		
Transceiver Orientation	Antenna vertical; operator facing F.D.blower room	Antenna horizontal; facing port side		
Local Configuration & Environment	door to passage 1-54-2-6 closed; door to engine RM	all doors and hatches closed; man on statio (above catwalk)		
Transmitter Frequency, MHz	140.050			
Signal Quality, Interference, etc.	but very susceptib	y,good understanding, le to antenna orienta- auses fading		
Cable Length between parties, ft. & attenuation dbw _{cable} loss	43', 0.8 db (assu	ne 1.0 db)		
Transceiver Pwr to Radiax, dbw _i Transceiver Pwr to Antenna, dbw _t	0.5w (-3.0dbw)	1.0w (0 dbw)		
Attenuator Box Setting, db dbwatten	Note 1	Note 1		
Limiter Current, µA Received Pwr, dbw _R	40 μA -136 dbw	40 μA - 139 dbw		
Radiax Cable Pwr, dbw _x dbw _x =dbw _i -dbw _{atten} -db _{cable} loss				
Coupling Loss, db dbw _X -dbw _R	71' db	64 db		
Receiver Sensitivity dbwRT threshold,	-146 dbw for 20db quieting	-146 dbw for 20db quieting		
Range, ft. (from Fig. 5) or Signal Margin= dbw _{atten} +dbw _R -dbw _{RT} 1. .Above Thresholds	+10db above 20db quieting threshold	+7db above 20db quieting threshold		

Note 1. For two-way test dbwatten = 0

Figure 10: Two-way Wireless Test Sample Data and Calculations

	SYSTEM ME	ASUREMENT DA	TA & COMPUTATION	SHEET
Test No.	One-way Two-way	Interference X	Base Station or Portable	Portable
Route (fwd	or aft)			Fwd
Compartment	ts Name & No.			Passage 1-83-2-L
Location within cor	mpartments			At station 95
Closest Dis				≈ 2¹
Transceive	r Orientation			Antenna vertical
Local Conf & Environ	iguration ment			door to port passage 1-54-2-L open
Transmitte	r Frequency, MHz			
Signal Quality, Interference, etc.		Low level varying at rep. rate of ab	freq. tone observed out 1 Hz	
Cable Leng: & attenuat	th between parties ion dbw _{cable} loss	, ft.		
Transceive Transceive	r Pwr to Radiax, d r Pwr to Antenna,	bw _i dbw _t		
Attenuator dbwatten	Box Setting, db			
Limiter Cur Received Pv	rrent, µA vr, dbw _R			30 A to >50 A(satura: -139dbw >-130dbw
Radiax Cab dbw _x =dbw _i	le Pwr, dbw _x -dbw _{atten} -db _{cabl}	e loss	·	
Coupling Lo				
Receiver Se threshold	ensitivity dbwRT			
Range, ft. Signal Marg Above Thre	(from Fig. 5) gin= dbw _{atten} +dbw _R esholds	or -dbw _{RT}	Signal occasionall threshold by -146-	y above receiver 20db (-139)=+7db to >+16db

Figure 11. Test of Interference to Radiax Operation Sample Data for Portable Transceiver

Test Locations and Procedures

One-way Wireless Tests:- The test locations for obtaining signal strength and interference measurements are given in Tables 3 and 4 for the forward and aft Radiax cable routes and are also indicated by T in the cable installation plan (Appendix 3 and 4). These are considered the minimum number of test locations.

In performing the signal measurements, operators of portable transceivers should get data for a standard whip vertical position and for a "best" orientation, recording the best direction as well as signal strength. The location of the operator should be marked on the deck so that subsequent measurements can be carried out from the same location.

Hatches, emergency escape trunks, etc. should all be closed during these tests, maintaining condition Zebra (watertight integrity) unless required to be open for some special tests.

Table 3: Forward Route One-way Wireless Test Locations (Base Station at Engine Control Room)

Compartment and	Location within	Compartment Doors		Test
Number	Compartment	_	closed	
Damage control central 2-54-Q-Q (2)	Center	Х		1F-1
Oper.Dept. Office (1) 2-64-2-Q	Center		X	1F-2
Test laboratory (1) 2-77-1-Q	Center		Х	1F-3
General Workshop 3-54-0-Q	Center		Х	1F-4
Electrical Control (2) 3-59-0-C	Center, between switchboards		Х	1F-5
Aux. Mach. Rm. No. 1 (2) 3-67-0-E	Upper level at fwd ladde Upper level extreme		Х	1F-6
	port side Lowest level at ladder		X X	1F-7 1F-8
Fire Room (2) 5-79-0-E -	Lowest level between boilers Fire room control statio Control Station level at		X	1F-9 1F-10
	up ladder		Х	1F-11
F.D. blower room No. 1 1-79-0-E	Center		Х	1F-12
Passage 1-83-2-L	Center of passage	X		1F-13
Passage 1-54-2-L (1)	At frame 79		- X	1F-14 1F-15
F.D. blower room no. 2 1-90-0-E (1)	Center		Х	1F-16
Engine room 5-95-0-E (2)	Upper level catwalk opposite LP turbine		X	1F-17
F.D.Storeroom 3-107-1-A	Upper level at ladder		х	1F-18
Shaft Alley #1 4-107-0-0 (2)	At bottom of ladder	Х		1F-19

Test for radiation levels in unwired compartments or passages
 Locations for two-way wireless tests prior to and after Radiax installation

Table 4: Aft Route One-way Wireless Test Locations (Base Station at Repair III)

Compartment and Number	Location within Compartment	Ď	rtment oors closed	Test
Passage (main deck) 1-121-0-L (2)	Opposite post office		Х	1A-1
Passage (main deck) 1-95-4-L (1)	Fwd of bulkhead 107		χ	1A-2
Aux. Radio Room 1-119-2-0 (1)	Center		Х	1A-3
Passage (2nd deck) 2-121-0-L	Opposite scullery	Х		1A-4
CPO Quarters 2-127-0-L	Center		Х	1A-5
Galley _2-107-0-L	Center	· X		1A-6
Crew's Mess 2-107-0-L (2)	At down ladder	Х		1A-7
Passage (2nd deck) 2-132-0-L	Midway		х	1A-8
Laundry 2-136-0-Q	Center		Х	1A-9
Torpedo Room 2-147-0-M (2)	Center between Sta 147 & 158;also, near stern		X	1A-10 1A-11
VDS Mach. Room 2-158-0-E	Near door to torpedo room		Х	1A-12
Passage 3-155-1-L	Bottom of ladder	X		1A-13
Steering Room 3-155-0-E (2)	At control station fwd	Х		1A-14
Passage 3-155-0-E	Center	Х		1A-15
Passage 3-147-01-L	Center		Х	1A-16
Aux. Mach. Rm. #2 SWBD Area 3-133-01-E (2)	Center		Х	1A-17
Aux.Mach. Rm. #2 Diesel Area 3-132-01-E	At fwd end		Х	1 A- 18
Crew Living Space 3-121-0-L	Center Aft-stbd corner	X		1A-19 1A-20
Shaft Alley No. 2 5-121-0-Q	Bottom of ladder	X		1A-21
Passage 3-110-2-L	At down ladder		Х	1A-22

(1) Test for radiation levels in unwired compartments or passages.(2) Locations for two-way wireless tests prior to and after Radiax installation.

Table 4 (cont'd)

Compartment and Number	Location within Compartment	D	Compartment Doors open closed				
Passage 5-111-2-L	Mi dway		х	1A-23			
Shaft Alley No. 1 4-107-0-Q (2)	At bottom of ladder	Х		1A-24			

Two-way Wireless Tests:- Two-way wireless measurements should be made between the selected locations given in Tables 5 and 6 where coupling loss measurements between the cable and a portable transceiver will have been determined by one-way wireless tests between base stations and portable transceivers.

For the pre-Radiax two-way measurements (Appendix 2) Tables 5 and 6 define the compartment locations while Tables 3 and 4 give additional details on location within compartments. The pre-Radiax tests should be recorded on the form of Figure 9, entering all the pertinent information except that from these tests only the total two-way coupling loss can be determined.

Table 5:- Two-way Wireless Test Locations

	rorward koute	
Transceiver No. 1 Compartment and Number	Transceiver No. 2 Compartment and Number	Test Number
Damage Control Central 2-54-0-Q	Electrical Central 3-59-0-C	2F-1
Damage Control Central 2-54-0-Q	Aux.Mach.Rm.No. 1 3-67-0-E	2F-2
Damage Control Central 2-54-0-Q	Fire Rm.Control Station 5-79-0-E	2F-3
Damage Control Central 2-54-0-Q	Engine Rm.Control Station 5-95-0-E	2F-4
Damage Control Central 2-54-0-Q	Shaft Alley No. 1 4-107-0-0	2F-5
Engine Rm.Control Sta. 5-95-0-E	Fire Rm.Control Station 5-79-0-E	2F-6
Engine Rm. Control Sta. 5-95-0-E	Electrical Central 3-59-0-C	-2F-7
Engine Rm.Control Sta. 5-95-0-E	Aux.Mach.Rm. No. 1 3-67-0-E	2F-8
Engine Rm. Control Sta. 5-95-0-E	Shaft Alley No. 1 4-107-0-0	2F-9
Engine Rm.Control Sta. 5-95-0-E	Repair III 2-141-2-A	2F-10

NOTE: For exact locations within compartments see Table 3, note (2).

Table 6:- Two-way Wireless Test Locations (Aft Route)

Transceiver No. 1 Compartment and Number	Transceiver No. 2 Compartment and Number	Test Number
Repair III 2-141-2-A	Passage (main deck) 7-121-0-L	2A-1
Repair III 2-141-2-A	Torpedo Room 2-147-0-M	2A-2
Repair III 2-141-2-A	Aux.Mach. Room No. 2 3-132-01-E	2A-3
Repair III 2-141-2-A	Shaft Alley No. 1 5-121-0-Q	2A-4
Repair III 2-141-2-A	Steering Room 3-155-0-E	2A-5
Repair III 2-141-2-A	Crew's Mess 2-107-0-L	2A-6
Aux.Mach.Rm. No. 2 3-132-01-E	Shaft Alley No. 1 · 4-107-0-Q	2A-7
Aux.Mach.Rm. No. 2 3-132-01-E	Steering Room 3-155-0-E	2 A- 8

NOTE: For exact locations within compartments see Table 3, note (2).

Interference Measurements:- Interference measurements should be made to establish the signals from Radiax in those compartments not wired with Radiax. Both quantitative and qualitative measurements can be obtained using the standard data sheets with measurement data supplied from calibrated transceivers. Generally, the need for such measurements below the main deck is unnecessary since the object of the communications system is to radiate energy wherever possible. On the main deck and above it is necessary to both contain the emissions within the ship and keep them out of certain compartments (such as the communications room). Tables 3 and 4 (note 1) indicate those compartments not wired with Radiax that should be tested for signal level when the Radiax system is in use.

Interference of other systems to Radiax whether portable units or at base stations must be determined by isolating interfering sources one at a time. Thus, radars and communications systems that have been analyzed to be potential sources of interference should be turned on and off while measurements are taken in various locations.

The RF interference induced by the two-way units into ships cabling is expected to be virtually nonexistent since all of the ships cabling is enclosed by a heavy metal shield (armor). As previously discussed, the large frequency difference between dc or 60 Hz control circuits and 140 MHz in the wireless communications system essentially eliminates the Radiax interference problem to control circuits. For control circuits located within compartments covered

by Radiax or in base stations, the RF signal pickup should be in the very low millivolt range at worst, well below other types of pickup from $60~{\rm Hz}$ radar, sonar and high powered communication systems.

An FM transceiver system is ideally suited in this application because of the extremely effective suppression of AM-type noise which is very prevalent everywhere in the ship due to operation of switches, motors, relays, etc. In addition, there is a noise quieting gain common to FM systems once the signal is above the detection threshold. This quieting gain increases the output signal-to-noise ratio relative to an AM system by an estimated 10 db after the input signal-to-noise ratio exceeds about 10 db for this almost narrow band FM system.

The interference of Radiax communications using the HT-220 transceivers to other ship communications systems aboard the DE-1052 class destroyer escort was investigated and reported in reference 1. It was determined in that study that the HT-220 could interfere with the receiver portion of the PRC-73 and with the URR-27 receiver. In addition, it was found that a preselector would be needed to be hard wired to the Radiax cable to reduce the transceiver spurious responses to high-level, out-of-band emissions from the SPS-37 and SPS-40 radars.

The table below is reproduced from reference 1, showing that harmonic frequencies of the HT-220 up to $7F_0$ should be measured. It is recommended that field intensity measurements be made to obtain the data for Table 7, using an Empire field strength meter in the communications room and aux. radio room.

Ref. 1. Mattox, W.J., "Electromagnetic Compatibility Study of a Wireless Intercommunication System for DE-1052 Class," ITT Research Institute, Electromagnetic Compatibility Analysis Center, Annapolis, Md., July 1974

Table 7.

EMISSION DATA RECORDING SHEET

Equipment	t Under Test		Date _				-
S/N			Test Pe	ersonnel			-
Antennas	96.1 - 187 - 167 - 18 - 17		armar dilamangana rasa	Harris for standing arrival			
-			Test L	ocation _			
Measureme	ent Equipment						•
			Positio	on on Rad	iax		-
							-
Frequency MHz	Position From Vertical Horizontal	Meter Reading dB/uV	Attn Factor dB	Ant Factor dB	Other Factors dB	Corrected Level dB/uV/M	Notes
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APPENDIX 1

INTERCOMPARTMENT CABLE LENGTHS (feet) (Center to Center of Each Compartment)

and

CABLE ATTENUATION LOSSES (db)

For Two Radiax Cable Routes
On DE-1094 Destroyer Escort

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	;		67	85	00(119	147	181	191	229	264	282	292 (5.6)	297	303	310 (5.9)	322 (6.1)	332 (6.3)	25.9 (6.7)	353	411	423	438	449	(0.6)	486	
		;		44	59	78	106	140	150	188	223	241	251	256 (4.9)	262	269	281	(5.5)	309	349	370	362	397	408 7.8)	430	(8.5)	
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Repair Parts Storeroom											-	(0.5)
Engine Control										:	$\frac{53}{(1.0)}$	80 (1.5)
Comm. Officer Sr. 1-95-2-L									1	20 (0.4)	(1.4)	700 (1.9)
Passage 1-83-2-L								1	33 (0.6)	53	106 (2.0)	133 (2.5)
F.D.Blower Room #1 1-79-0-E							;	(0.2)	44 (0.8)	(1.2)	(2.2)	144 (2.7)
Fire Room						:	43 (0.8)	54 (1.0)	87 (1.7)	107 (2.0)	160 (3.0)	187 (3.6)
Aux. Mach. Room #1					1	108 (2.1)	151 (2.9)	162 (3.1)	195 (3.7)	215 (4.1)	268 (5.1)	295 (5.6)
Electrical Central					56 (1.1)	764 (3.1)	207	218 (4.1)	251 (4.8)	271 (5.2)	324 (6.2)	351 (6.7)
3-59-2-L			:	24 (0.5)	80 (1.5)	188 (3.6)	231 (4.4)	242 (4.6)	275 (5.2)	295 (5.6)	348 (6.6)	375 (7.1)
3-24-0-0 General Workshop		1	22 (0.4)	46 (0.9)	102 (1.9)	210 (4.0)	253 (4.8)	264 (5.0)	297 (5.6)	317 (6.0)	370 (7.0)	397 (7.5)
Damage Control Central	:	(0.4)	44 (0.8)	68 (1.3)	124 (2.4)	232 (4.4)	275 (5.3)	286 (5.4)	319 (6.1)	339 (6.4)	392 (7.5)	419 (8.0)
Note: ()=Loss in db computed as 1.9db/100 ft.	Damage Control Central	General Workshop 3-54-0-0	Crew Living Space 3-59-2-L	Electrical Central	Aux. Mach. Room #1	Fire Room	F.D.Blower Room #1 1-79-0-E	Passage 1-83-2-L	Comm. Officer Sr. 1-95-2-L	Engine Control 2-95-0-E	Repair Parts Storeroom 3-107-1-A	Shaft Alley No. 1

APPENDIX 2

Shipboard Communications Measurements
Prior to Radiax Cable Installation

Several past experiments with portable FM low power transceviers aboard Navy ships by NAVSEC and NSRDC personnel have established that it is possible to communicate across several closed steel compartments. Apparently, the electromagnetic radiation follows ships cables, piping, ducting and other penetrations to provide some leakage radiation between steel compartments. The unpredictable nature of this leakage radiation, limited coverage and great susceptibility to changes in local environment makes it impractical to rely totally on such a low reliability transmission path. The installation of Radiax cable will significantly increase the radiation throughout the wired compartments, in effect greatly augmenting the normal leakage transmission paths.

To evaluate the contribution of the Radiax cable in providing radiation within compartments, it is necessary to establish some baseline of performance without Radiax since both normal leakage radiation together with Radiax radiation will exist once the Radiax is installed. Thereafter, separation of the two components is impossible. Thus, it is necessary to establish received signal strengths across several compartments prior to Radiax installation.

The signal strength measurement method using calibrated transceivers discussed in the test plan should be used (Fig. 6) using the same procedures as discussed under the section "System Test Configuration for Two-way Wireless Measurements". The locations for these pre-Radiax tests are shown in Tables 5 and 6 and subsequent tests (both one-way and two-way) must be performed in the identical locations duplicating all conditions as closely as possible.

Hard Wiring Two Base Stations to Radiax Cable

Under the present plan only one transceiver is hard wired to the Radiax cable at a base station. Two transceivers cannot be hard wired to the same Radiax cable (say, at the engineering control station and damage control central) because the transmitter output power will destroy the receiver input circuit at the other end. In other words, with several hundred feet of Radiax cable, the cable losses are insufficient to absorb the transmitted power, leaving an excessive amount of power to be dissipated at the receiver input. For example, with no line loss, the voltage at the receiver input for 1 watt of transmitted power across 50 ohms would be from $P = v^2/R$; $v = \sqrt{1 \times 50} = 7.1$ volts RMS.

The Motorola HT-220 transceivers have several protection features which protect the receiver input from excessive input voltages through radiation pickup when transmitting. The RF amplifier input has a diode limiter, during transmission the supply voltage to the receiver RF, mixer and IF stages are

removed and the common antenna is switched from the receiver input to transmitter output. These features protect against <u>radiation</u> into the sensitive receiver input stage.

For a hard wired transceiver these protection features would be of no value since the receiver would be coupled to the Radiax with receiver power circuits active and sufficient power coming through the Radiax to burn out the diode limiter. (Information supplied by manufacturer.)

If a scheme for employing two hard wired transceivers on a common Radiax cable is desired, then the receivers should be modified to provide greater protection in the receive mode.

During the tests where the two cable routes are tied together in the shaft alley, care must be taken that one of the hard wired base stations is removed from the Radiax cable, otherwise damage to both transceivers is likely.

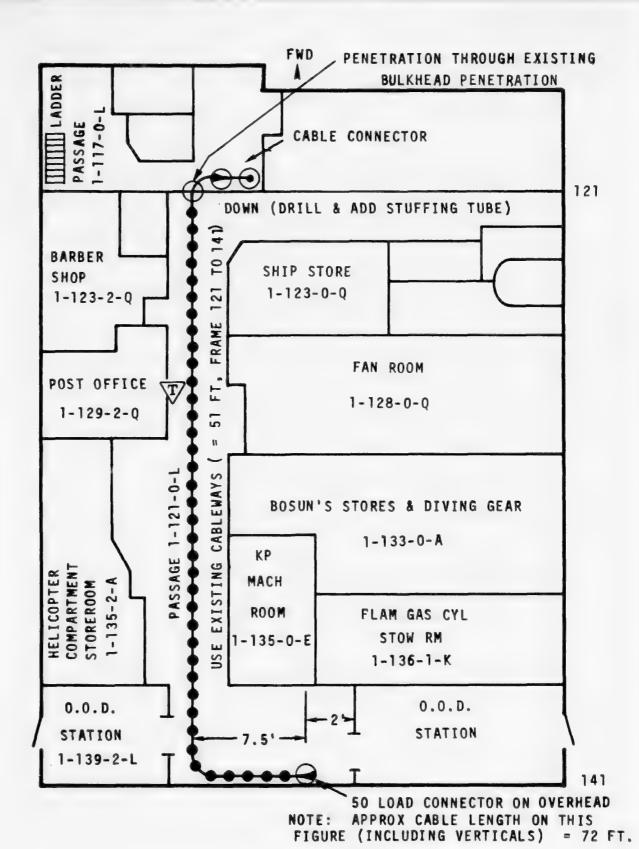
APPENDIX 3

Aft Radiax Route
Base Station at Repair No. 3

SIGNIFICANCE OF SYMBOLS

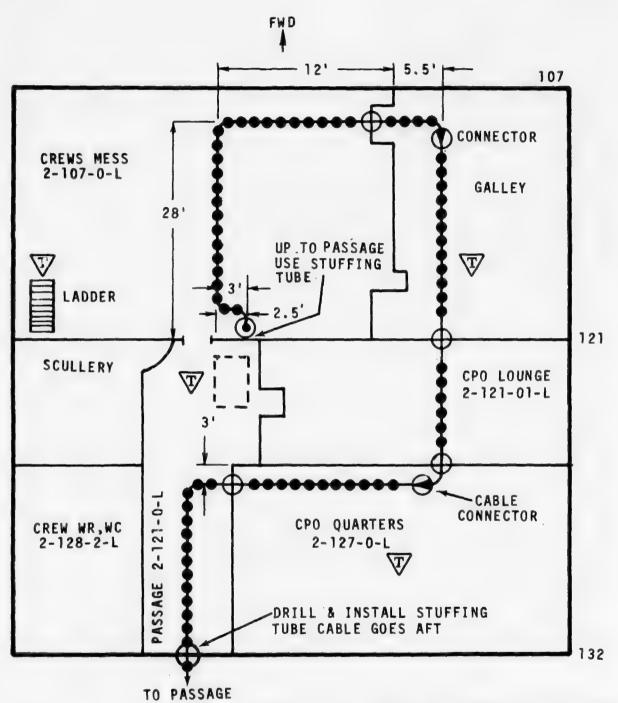
- DECK PENETRATION OF STUFFING TUBE
- BULKHEAD PENETRATION OR STUFFING TUBE
- MULTICABLE TRANSIT FRAME
 - T TRANSCIEVER LOCATION DURING TEST

CONNECTOR FEMALE MALE



NOTE: DURING PORTIONS OF THE TEST THE ENTIRE PASSAGEWAY LENGTH OF RADIAX WILL BE DISCONNECTED AT THE CONNECTOR SYSTEM AND TERMINATED WITH A 50 OHM LOAD.

FIG 3-1

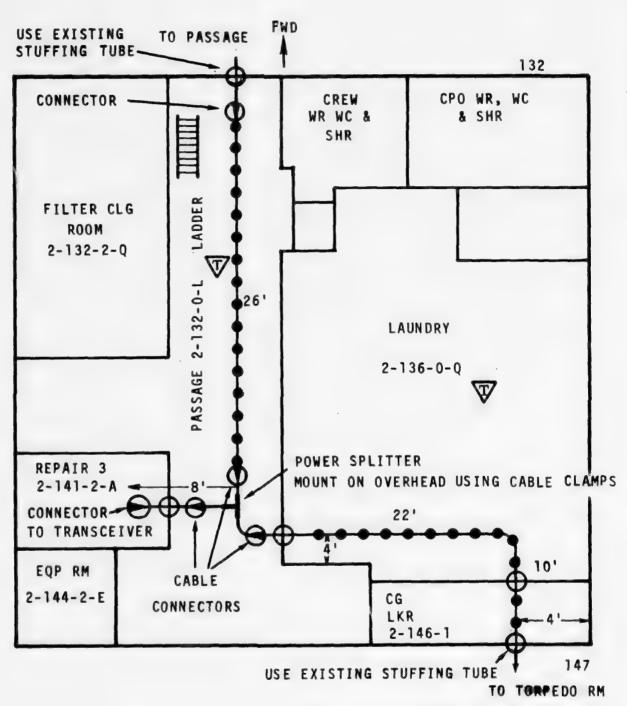


NOTE: USE EXISTING CABLEWAYS AND BULKHEAD

PENETRATIONS THROUGHOUT

NOTE: APPROX CABLE LENGTH ON THIS FIG = 125

FIG 3-2

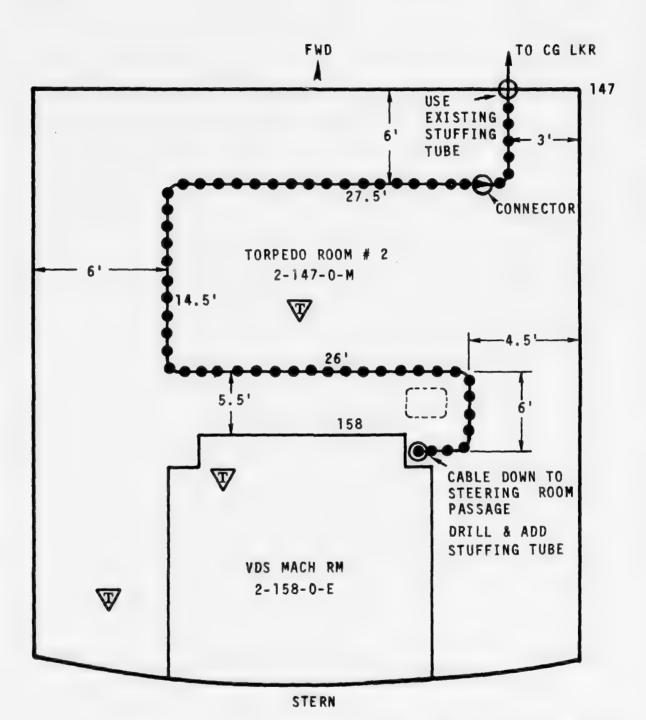


NOTE: USE EXISTING CABLEWAYS AND BULKHEAD PENETRATIONS

NOTE: APPROX CABLE LENGTH ON THIS

FIG. ≈ 66 FT.

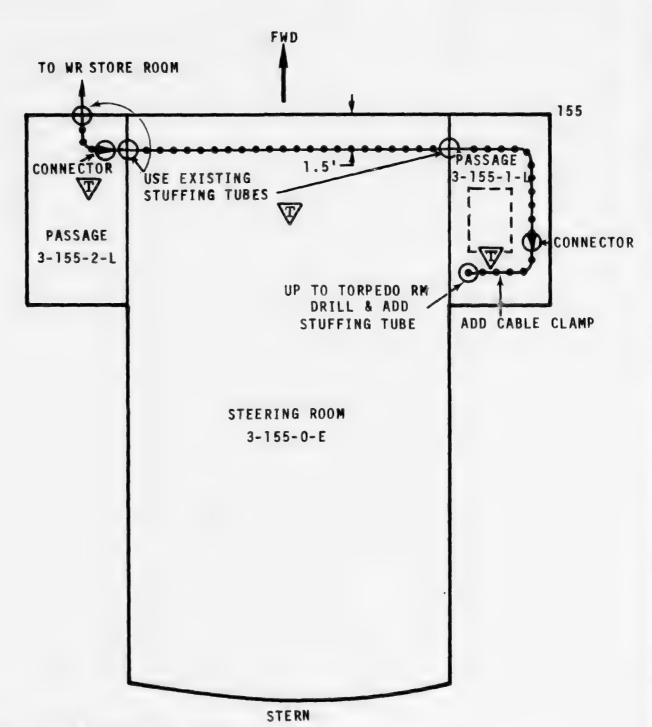
FIG 3-3



NOTE: USE EXISTING CABLEWAYS

NOTE: APPROX CABLE LENGTH

ON THIS FIG = 84 FT



NOTE: USE EXISTING CABLEWAYS

NOTE: APPROX CABLE LENGTH THIS FIG (INCLUDING VERTICALS) & 46 FT.

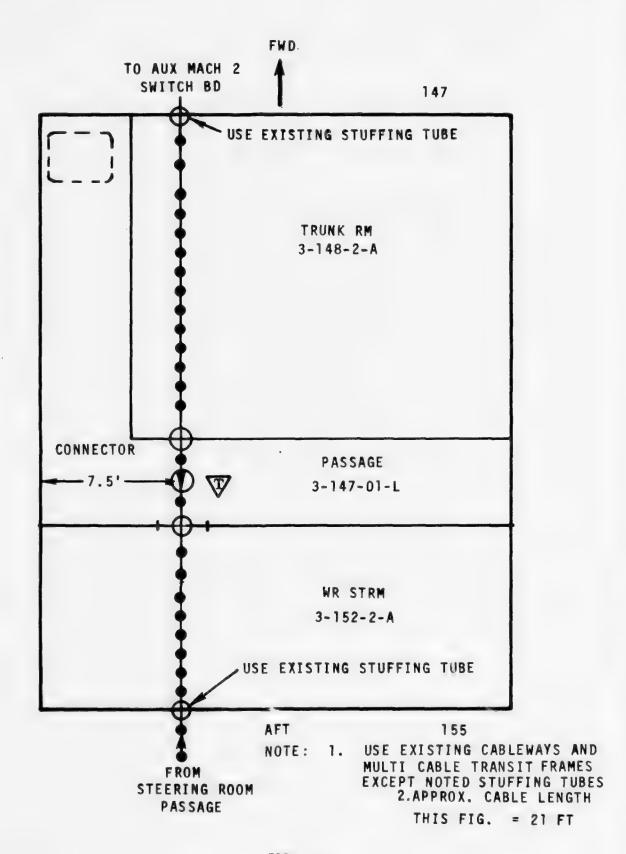
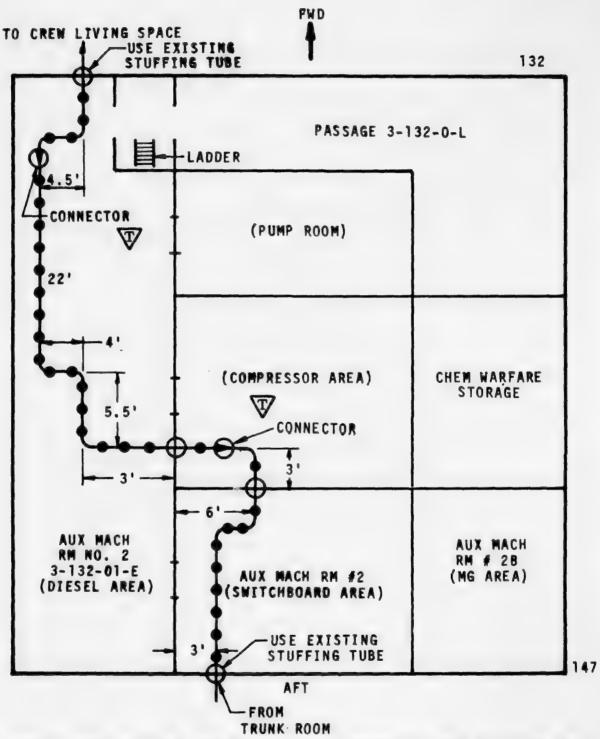
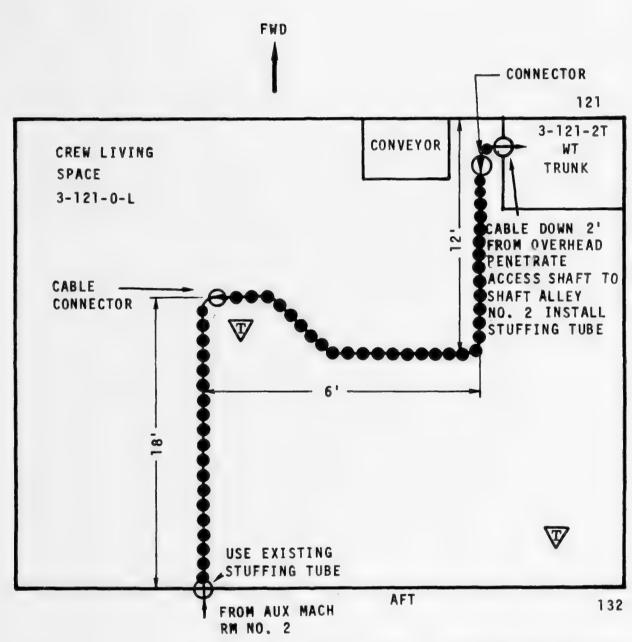


FIG 3-6



NOTE: USE EXISTING CABLEWAYS UNLESS OTHERWISE AND EXISTING MULTI
-CABLE TRANSIT FRAMES EXCEPT NOTED STUFFING TUBES.
APPROX CABLE LENGTH THIS FIG. 59 FT.
AUXILIARY MACHINERY ROOM NO. 2 3-132-01-E

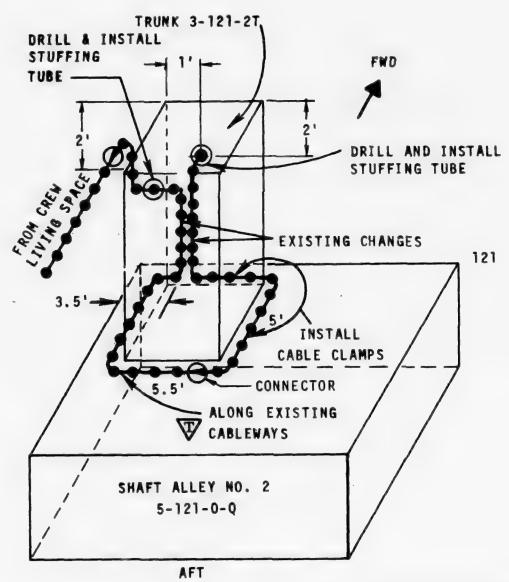
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NOTE: FOLLOW EXISTING CABLEWAYS

NOTE: APPROX CABLE LENGTH THIS

FIG = 38 FT



NOTE: USE EXISTING CABLEWAYS

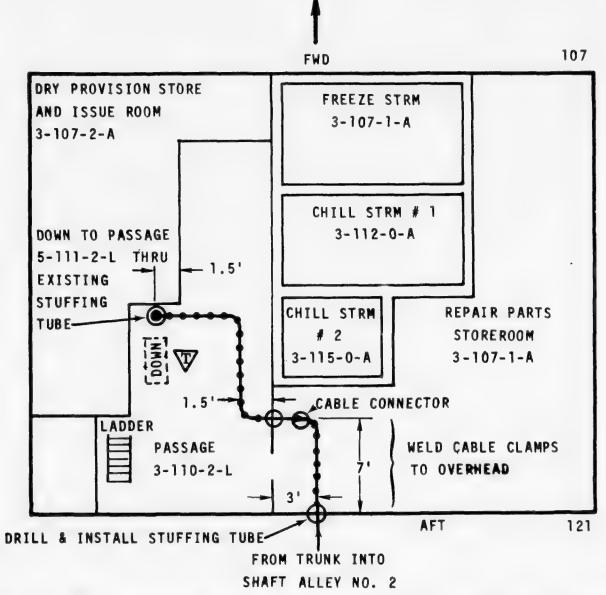
UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED

NOTE: APPROX CABLE LENGTH THIS

FIG (INCLUDING VERTICALS)

= 36 FT

FIG 3-9

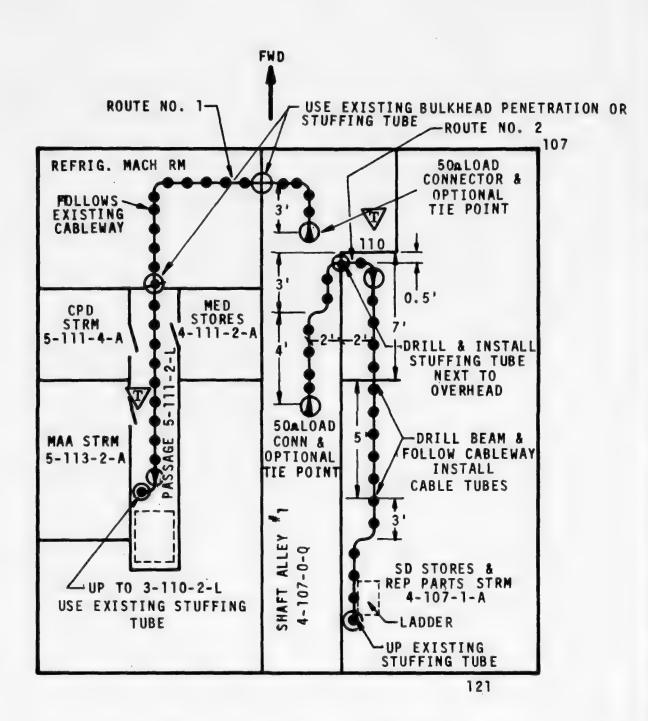


NOTE: USE EXISTING CABLEWAYS UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED AND EXISTING

BULKHEAD PENETRATIONS EXCEPT NOTED STUFFING TUBES.

NOTE: APPROX CABLE LENGTH THIS FIG (INCLUDING VERTICALS) pprox 32 FT

FIG 3-10



NOTE: APPROX CABLE LENGTH ROUTE 2 ON THIS FIGURE

(INCLUDING VERTICALS) = 43 FT

APPROX CABLE LENGTH ROUTE 1 ON THIS FIG ≈ 38 FT.

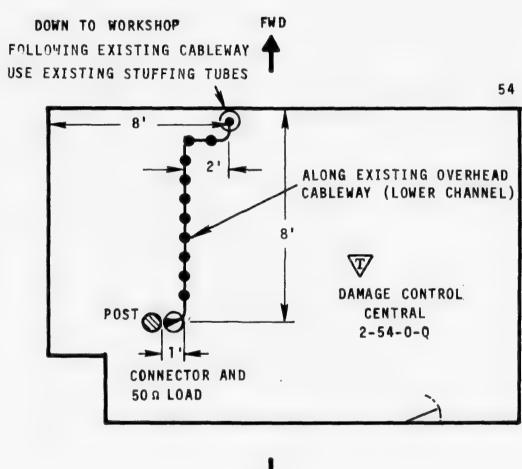
APPENDIX 4

Forward Radiax Route

Base Station at Engine Control Station

SIGNIFICANCE OF SYMBOLS

- DECK PENETRATION OF STUFFING TUBE
- BULKHEAD PENETRATION OR STUFFING TUBE
- MULTICABLE TRANSIT FRAME
- CONNECTOR FEMALE MALE
 - CABLE SPLICE
 - TRANSCIEVER LOCATION DURING TEST





NOTE: APPROX CABLE LENGTH

ON THIS FIG. (INCLUDING

VERTICALS) = 23 FT.

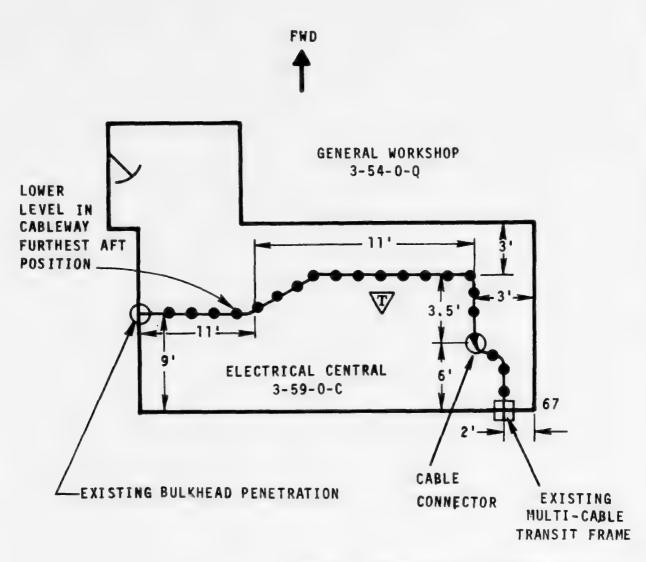
FIG 4-1

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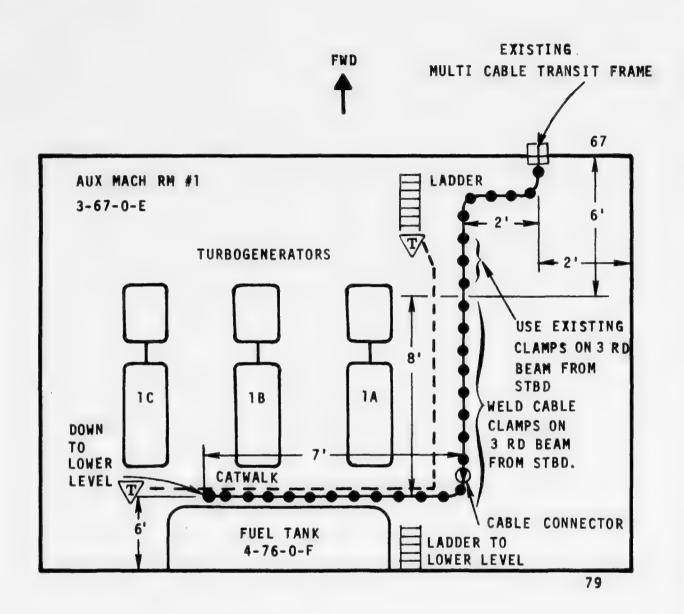
54 UP TO DCC -CONNECTOR GENERAL WORKSHOP EXISTING BULKHEAD PENETRATION 3-54-0-Q USE EXISTING CABLEWAYS CABLE CABLE CONNECTOR ELECTRICAL EXISTING BULKHEAD PENETRATION CENTRAL 3-59-0-C CREW LIVING SPACE 3-59-2-L

NOTE: APPROX. CABLE LENGTHS ON THIS FIG. = 38 FT

FIG 4-2



NOTE: APPROX CABLE LENGTHS ON THIS FIG. ≈ 34 FT.



NOTE: APPROX CABLE LENGTHS
ON THIS FIG (INCLUDING
VERTICALS) = 41 FT

FIG 4-4

FWD.

AUX MACH RM #1
5-67-0-E

CABLE SPLICE

UPPER LEVEL
CATWALK

USE EXISTING CABLEWAYS
22'

PUEL TANK
4-76-0-F

LONEST LEVEL

79

NOTE: EXISTING MULTI-CABLE TRANSIT FRAME
TO FIRE ROOM AT LOWEST LEVEL

APPROX. CABLE LENGTHS IN THIS FIG. = 28 FT.

FIG 4-5

FWD USE EXISTING MULTI-CABLE TRANSIT FRAME FOLLOW ROUTE OF TUBING CLOSEST, TO BOILER. USE CLAMPS TO FASTEN TO ANGLE IRON - CABLE WAY _ 33' __ FWD 19' BOILER POST CATWALK -OVERHEAD CATWALK CABLE CONNECTOR 团 CABLE. AFT BOILER FIRE ROOM (5-79-0-E) FOLLOW LOWEST LEVEL CABLEWAY

FOLLOW CABLE AROUND POST AND UP WITH OTHER EXISTING CABLES THRU EXISTING STUFFING TUBE TO FIRE CONTROL ROOM

NOTE: APPROX CABLE LENGTH ON

THIS FIG (INCLUDING

FIG 4-6

VERTICALS) = 75 FT



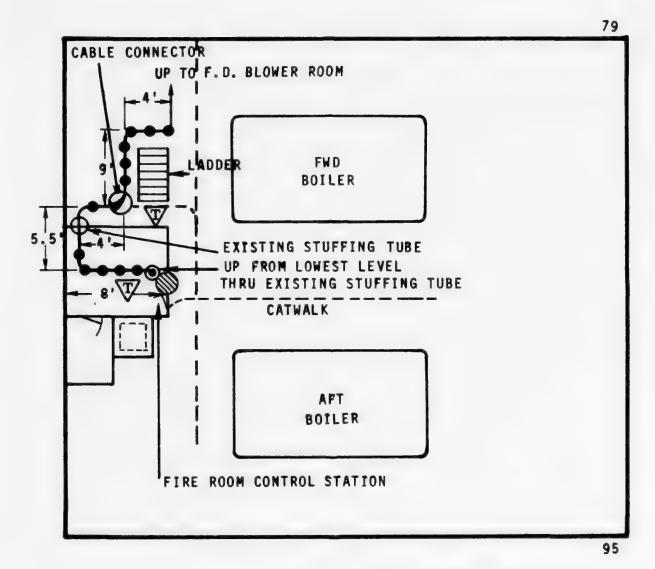


FIG 4-7 NOTE: APPROX CABLE LENGTH ON THIS FIG. (INCLUDING VERTICALS) = 50 FT.

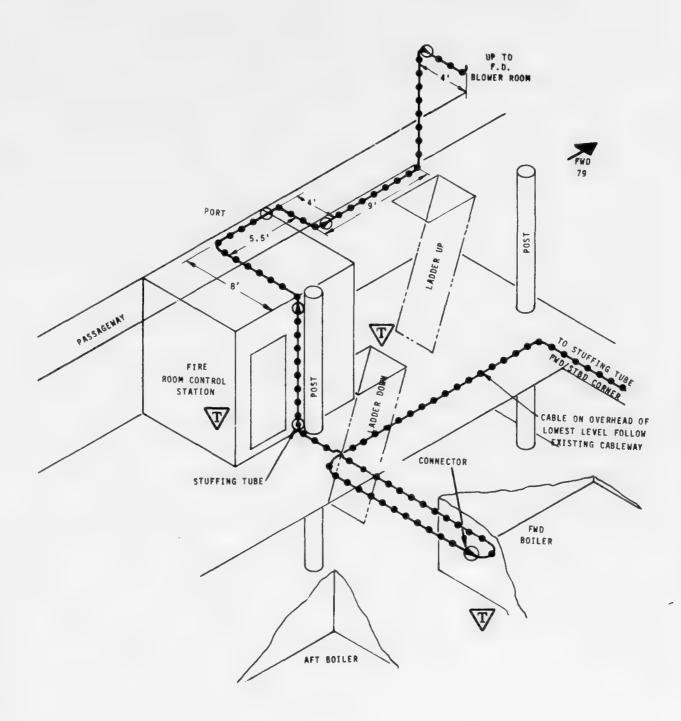
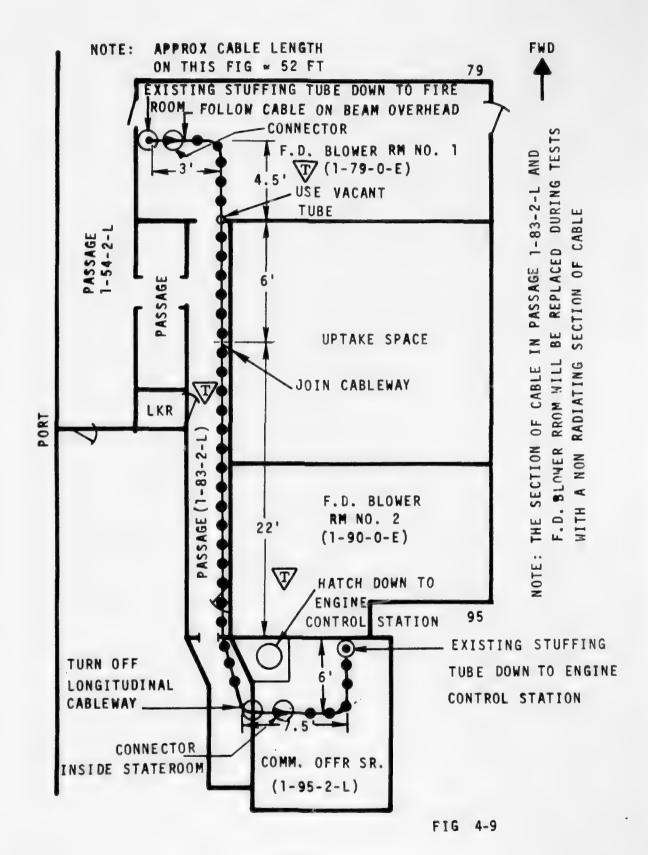
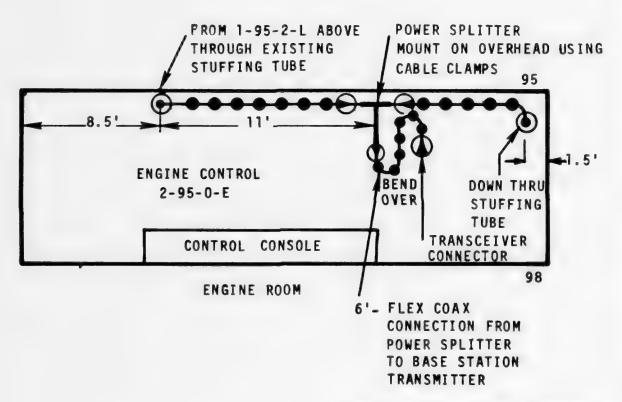


FIG 4-8



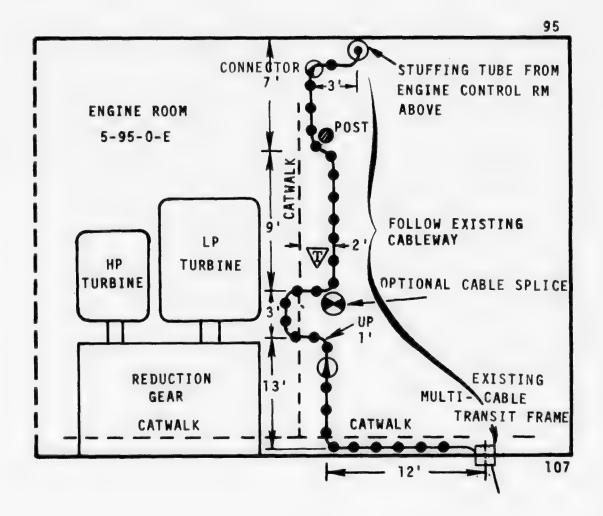
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NOTE: APPROX CABLE LENGTH
ON THIS FIG
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= 38 FT.

FIG 4-10

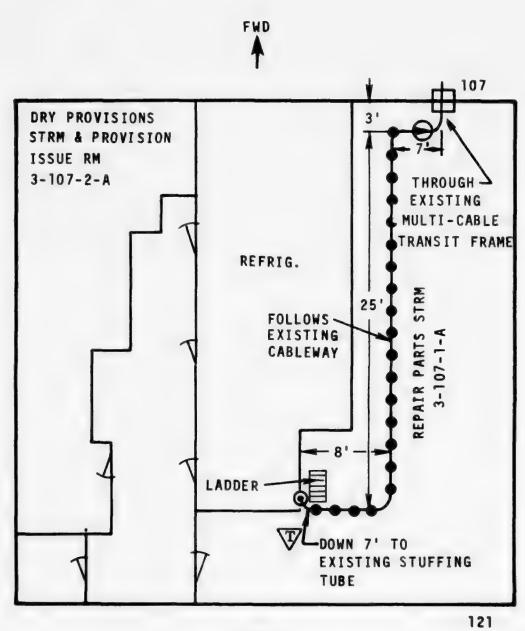




NOTE: APPROX CABLE LENGTH ON THIS FIG. (INCLUDING VERTICALS)

≈ 59 FT

FIG 4-11



AFT

NOTE: APPROX CABLE LENGTH ON THIS FIG = 43 FT.

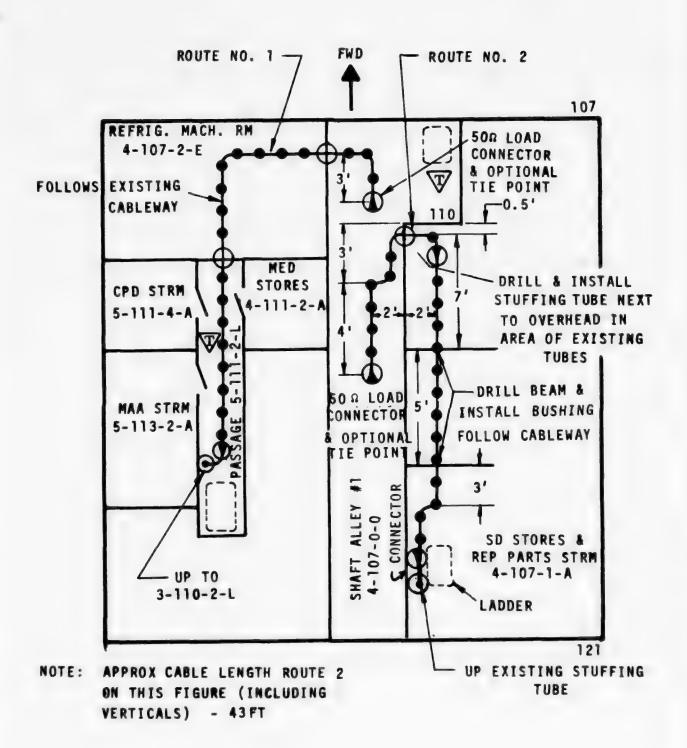


FIG 4-13

APPENDIX 5

<u>Penetrations</u>

Several types of bulkhead and deck penetrations applicable to the Radiax installation are found in NAVSEC Drawing No. 9000-S6202-73980. Pertinent sheets from that document are reproduced in this appendix. These are numbered with the same sheet numbers as in 73980. The applicable sheets are indexed below.

	Bulkhead Penetration	Deck Penetration
Non-watertight	Sheet 18, 20, 21 1, 2	26 1, 2
Watertight, single cable	Sheet 14 1, 2	13 1, 2
Watertight, multicable	Sheet 170 - 173	

The MIL-S-24235 stuffing tube is size C for .625 cable, Assembly M24235/9 \pm 003 and requires packing assembly MIL-P-16685D, size C. The tube fits 3/4" pipe.

The MIL-S-19622 stuffing tube is size 4T. The pipe version on sheet 13 is M-19622/3-005. It fits a 1" pipe nipple. The style pictured in method 4144, sheet 14, is M-19622/1-004. Both require packing assembly M-19622/19-0004.

To use the multicable transit frame of sheet 172 one of the proper size blank blocks must be replaced with a size 30/15. The block is 30 mm or 1.18 inch square. A double size block (2.36" square) could be replaced with one 30/15 and three 30/0 sizes.

The ship's engineering officer should determine the appropriate optional method. Thus, where welding would be objectionable because of proximity to other cables, method 4262 might be selected in preference to 4261 (sheet 26). Minimum spacing of tubes is called out in sheet 2 but on-site conditions may dictate other spacing. If the available spaces in the multicable transit frame are wrong size the position of a welded pipe to accept an M-24235 stuffing tube should be determined by the ship's engineering officer.

HOLE SPACING IN DECKS AND BULKHENDS FOR DESKRIPS SHEET ADSIDE-2)

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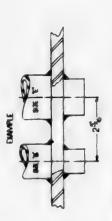


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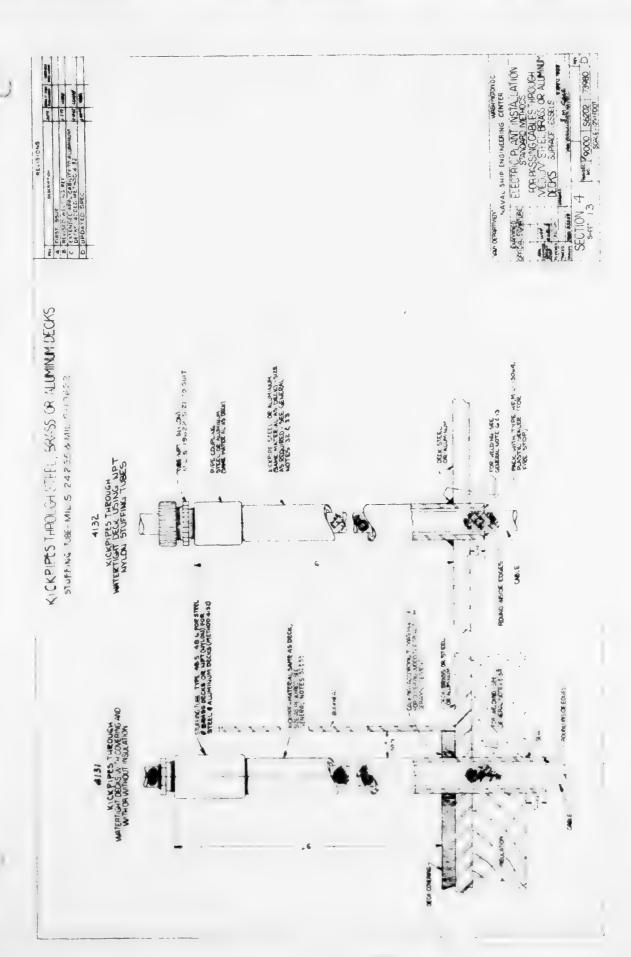
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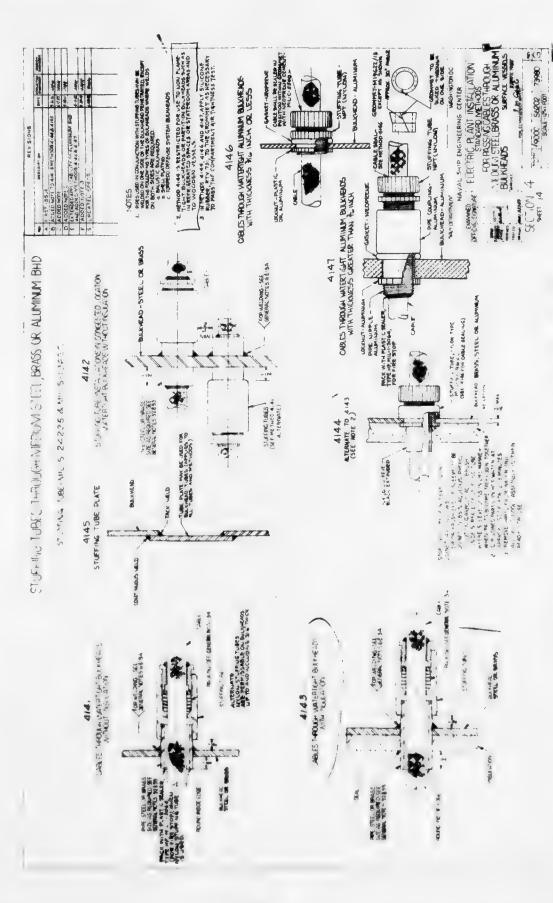
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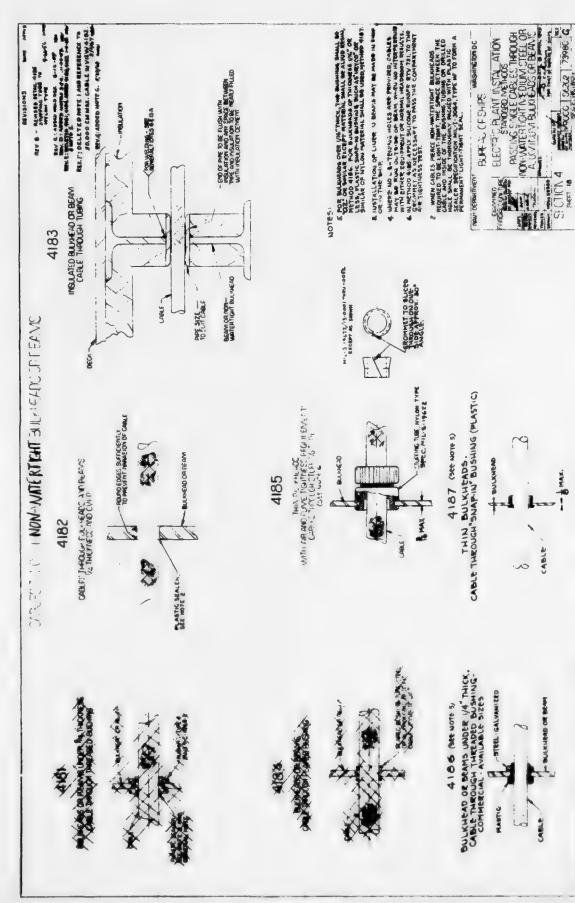
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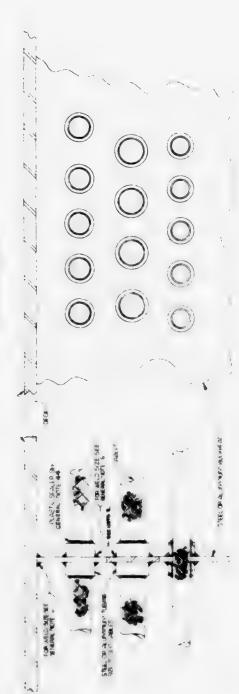
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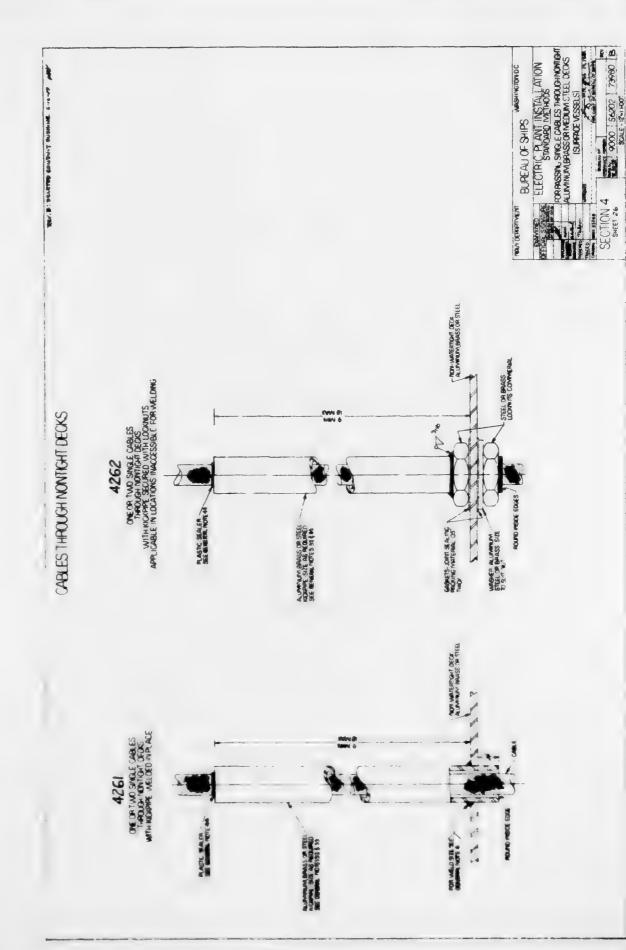


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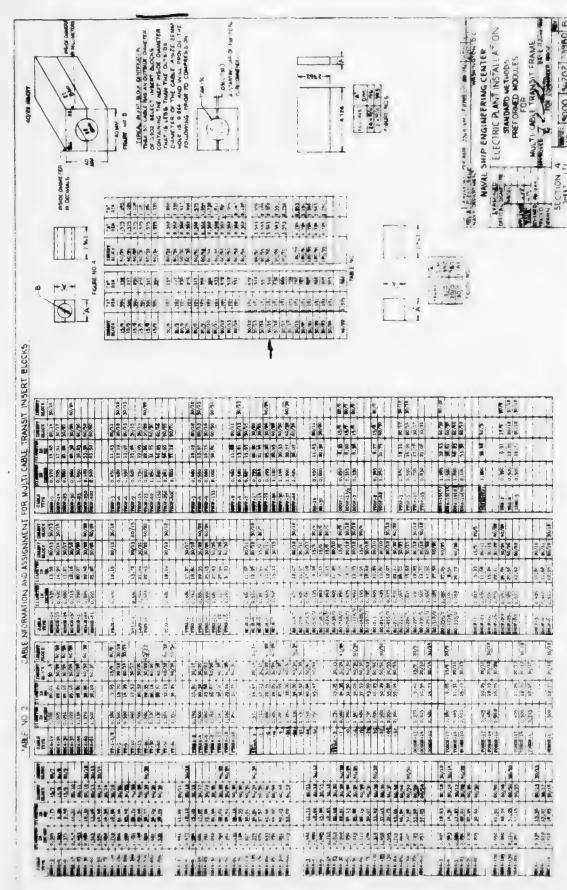
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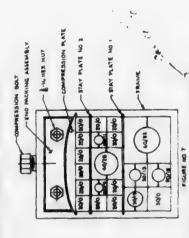
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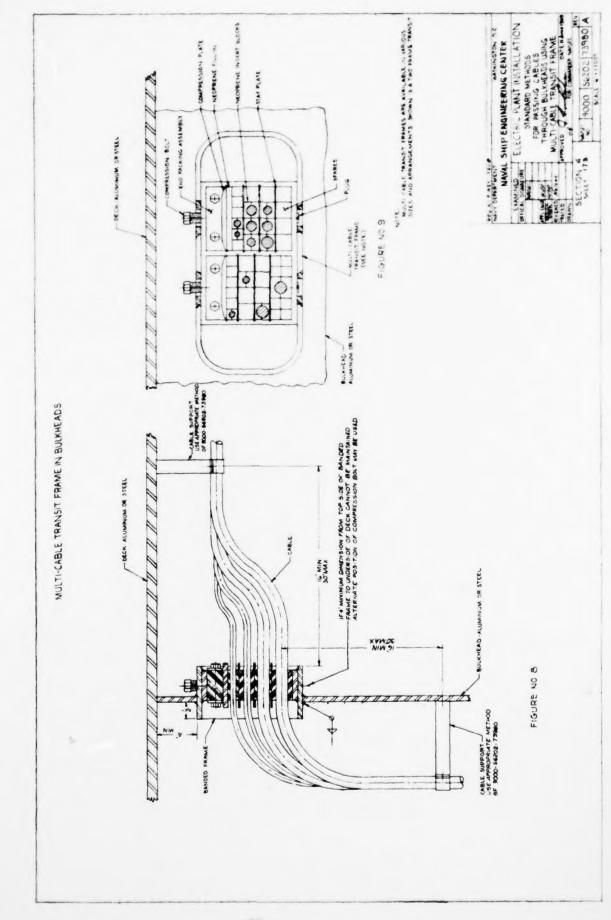
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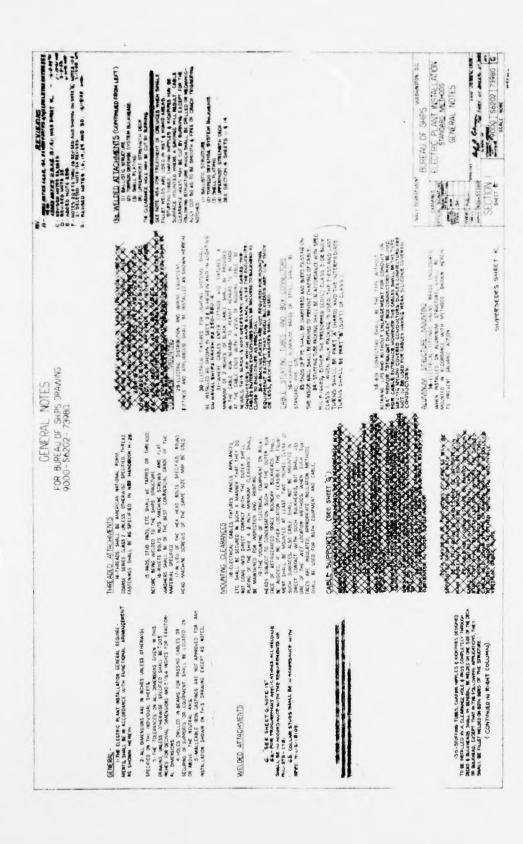
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